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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, DiPalma, Lynch, Crowley, and Paiva Weed

Date Introduced: March 13, 2013

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 23-27.3 of the General Laws entitled "State Building Code" is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **23-27.3-108.2.4. Municipal advisory council on statewide permitting. -- (a) There is**  
4 **created and established a "municipal advisory council on statewide permitting," hereinafter**  
5 **referred to as the "council."**

6           **(b) The advisory council shall be composed of one representative designated by each city**  
7 **or town council in the state. The membership shall receive no compensation for their services.**  
8 **The advisory council may request, through the building commissioner, with the assistance of the**  
9 **office of the state fire marshal, and the office of management and budget, any clerical and**  
10 **technical assistance it may deem necessary to accomplish its purpose.**

11           **(c) The purpose of the advisory council shall be to develop specific and comprehensive**  
12 **recommendations as may be necessary to establish a statewide process for electronic plan review,**  
13 **permit management, and inspection as required under subdivisions 23-27.3-108.2(c)(2) and (3)**  
14 **and to encourage full participation in such a statewide process from every city and town in the**  
15 **state of Rhode Island.**

16           **(d) In furtherance of the purpose described in subsection (c), the council shall, beginning**  
17 **July 1, 2013, and at every three (3) month interval thereafter until the establishment of a statewide**  
18 **process as required under subdivisions 23-27.3-108.2(c)(2) and (3) is completed, provide a report**  
19 **to the governor, the general assembly, and the building commissioner listing the number of cities**

1 [and towns participating in the statewide process, the number of cities and towns not yet](#)  
2 [participating, the stated reasons from each city and town for its nonparticipation, and the council's](#)  
3 [recommendations for addressing these reasons and increasing participation in the statewide](#)  
4 [process.](#)

5           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would establish a municipal advisory council on statewide permitting which  
2 would be composed of one representative from each city or town council in the state. The purpose  
3 of the council would be to develop recommendations to establish a statewide process for  
4 electronic plan review, encourage full participation of each city and town in the state and then  
5 until a statewide process is established, review which towns and cities are participating and which  
6 are not every three (3) months.

7           This act would take effect upon passage.

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