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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

Introduced By: Senator Walter S. Felag

Date Introduced: March 25, 2010

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 45-61.1-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-61.1 entitled "Storm  
2 Drainage System Maintenance" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **45-61.1-2. Storm drainage system inspection.** -- (a) Storm drainage systems are herein  
4 defined as catch basins, conveyance structures, and structural best management practices (BMPs)  
5 used for peak flow mitigation and runoff control/containment, water quality improvement and/or  
6 flood plain compensation.

7 (b) In accordance with the findings of section 45-61-2 and the purposes of this chapter,  
8 all storm drainage systems that are part of a regulated small municipal separate storm sewer  
9 system (small MS4), as defined in department of environmental management Rule 31(a)(5)(i) of  
10 the RIPDES Regulations, shall be inspected at least once per year, except those storm drainage  
11 systems that are not designated by the owner or operator of a regulated small MS4 pursuant to  
12 subsection 45-61.1-3(b) as being prone to street flooding and/or contributing significantly to  
13 storm water management problems. Storm drainage systems prone to flooding or contributing  
14 significantly to storm water management problems shall be inspected at least once per year and  
15 maintained and cleaned as necessary in order to reduce the risks of flooding and ensure proper  
16 functioning of storm drain systems.

17 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 45-61.1-2(b), storm drainage systems  
18 located in the town of Warren that are prone to flooding or that contribute significantly to storm  
19 water management problems shall be inspected at least once every three (3) years.

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

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1           This act would allow the town of Warren to inspect its storm drainage systems every  
2 three (3) years instead of on an annual basis.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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