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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES-WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

Introduced By: Senators McCaffrey, Lynch, Ciccone, and Walaska

Date Introduced: March 03, 2015

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 45-24.5 of the General Laws entitled "Waste Water Management
2 Districts" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **45-24.5-6. Connections to existing sanitary sewer lines from facilities across city and**
4 **town lines. -- Notwithstanding any other state or local law or regulation to the contrary, those**
5 **facilities in the state of Rhode Island that currently discharge wastewater from an on-site**
6 **wastewater treatment and disposal system that do not have reasonable access to an available**
7 **sewer within the city or town where the property is located, are hereby authorized to construct,**
8 **use, operate, maintain and repair a sanitary sewer line (and any necessary pump or lift station**
9 **equipment) connecting to a neighboring city or town sanitary sewer line in lieu of continuing to**
10 **utilize their existing on-site wastewater treatment and disposal, upon the following conditions:**

11 **(1) The construction, use, operation, maintenance and repair of such sanitary sewer line**
12 **shall be subject to the issuance of all required state approvals, permits and licenses; and local**
13 **approvals and permits, and licenses to the extent such local approvals, permits and licenses are**
14 **not inconsistent with the foregoing authorization;**

15 **(2) The neighboring city or town sanitary line is in closer proximity to the property than**
16 **the city or town sanitary line wherein the property is located;**

17 **(3) The cost to connect to the in-city or in-town sanitary sewer line is significantly greater**
18 **than connection to the neighboring city or town sanitary sewer line closest to the subject property;**

19 **(4) The neighboring city or town sanitary sewer line has capacity to accept the additional**

1 [flow; and](#)

2 [\(5\) Not allowing the connection would result in a potential or continuing environmental](#)

3 [detriment.](#)

4 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 authorize connection to existing sanitary sewer lines from facilities across
2 city and town lines under certain circumstances.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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