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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONTRACTORS

Introduced By: Representatives Keable, Chippendale, Edwards, Winfield, and Newberry

Date Introduced: May 21, 2015

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5-65.3-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-65.3 entitled
2 "Underground Utility Contractors" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-65.3-7. Licensing of underground utility contractors granted without examination.**

4 ~~Effective January 1, 2015.~~ -- (a) After enactment of this chapter, and at any time prior to ~~the~~
5 ~~expiration of six (6) months following enactment of this section~~ January 1, 2016, the board shall,
6 without examination, upon payment of the fees required in this chapter and approval of the
7 issuance of the license by the board, issue a license to any applicant who shall present satisfactory
8 evidence as described in subsection (b) of this section that the applicant has the qualification for
9 issuance of an underground utility contractor license. Thereafter, in order to qualify for an
10 underground utility contractor license after the initial "grandfather" window, said licensee may
11 renew the license pursuant to § 5-65.3-5.

12 (b) The owner(s) of a business entity as defined in § 5-65.3-2(3) shall meet the
13 requirements of this section for issuance of a license without examination, provided, that ~~any city~~
14 ~~or town that has previously granted a contractor or licensee a license within the last five (5) years~~
15 ~~shall continue to grant such license for work specifically related to the license and where work is~~
16 ~~to be performed only in that city or town, provided the contractor continues to meet all other local~~
17 ~~requirements for licensure, and shall not require the contractor or licensee to take and pass the~~
18 ~~statewide licensing examination~~ the contractor demonstrates to the board that he or she obtained

1 [an underground utility license from a city or town within the last five \(5\) years or possesses a](#)
2 [valid onsite wastewater treatment system installer's license obtained within the last five \(5\) years.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would extend the current "grandfathering" exemption for licensing of
2 underground utility contractors without examination to include contractors who obtained a valid
3 underground utility license or onsite wastewater treatment system installer's license within the
4 last five (5) years.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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