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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO HIGHWAYS - CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE
ROADS

Introduced By: Representatives Giarrusso, Chippendale, Newberry, Trillo, and Costa

Date Introduced: February 06, 2014

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 24-8 of the General Laws entitled "Construction and Maintenance
2 of State Roads" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **24-8-45. State, City and Town Road and Bridge Maintenance Account.** – (a) All fees
4 assessed pursuant to title 31, chapters 3, 6, 10, 10.1, 10.3, 38, 34, 47.1 and 47.2 shall be deposited
5 into a restricted receipt account, hereby created and known as the state, city and town road and
6 bridge maintenance account. The account is also authorized to receive fund transfers and
7 appropriations from the general fund. Funds from the account may only be used to cover the costs
8 of maintenance relating to state and local highway and bridge proposals.

9 (b) Priority for use of the funds from the account shall be for:

10 (1) The maintenance of state and local bridges not including the construction or
11 replacement of the same; and

12 (2) The maintenance of existing state and local roads and highways.

13 (c) The department of transportation is hereby authorized to promulgate rules and
14 regulations, including, but not limited to, the development of separate priority lists ranking the
15 maintenance needs of the various state and local bridges, roads and highways, and the
16 disbursement of fees collected pursuant to subsection (a). These lists shall be sent to all cities and
17 towns throughout the state. Additionally, the department shall keep all cities and towns apprised
18 of the balance of the funds in said maintenance account and the funds available for disbursement.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would create a restricted receipt account for the maintenance of all state and
2 local bridges, roads and highways funded by any and all motor vehicle licensing fees and
3 surcharges set forth in title 31 to be administered by the department of transportation.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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