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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- SIDEWALKS

Introduced By: Representatives Nardone, Noret, Roberts, Chippendale, and Jackson

Date Introduced: February 07, 2020

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 24-7-8 of the General Laws in Chapter 24-7 entitled "Sidewalks" is
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **24-7-8. Sidewalks along state highways.**

4 (a) Nothing in this chapter shall be held to oust the state of jurisdiction over any such
5 sidewalks and curbing as may be made, laid, or constructed upon state highways within a town,
6 but no sidewalks or curbing on state highways shall be made, laid, or constructed without the
7 approval of the director of transportation first being had and obtained as to the feasibility,
8 location, type, and time of construction.

9 **(b) All maintenance of sidewalks along state highways shall be the responsibility of the**
10 **state.**

11 SECTION 2. Section 24-8-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 24-8 entitled "Construction
12 and Maintenance of State Roads" is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 **24-8-6. Authority for sidewalks and curbs.**

14 (a) The director of transportation shall have the power and authority to make, lay in and
15 upon, and construct sidewalks, including curbs, adjacent to and along either or any one side or
16 both sides of any state road, now constructed, in the process of construction, or to be constructed,
17 which in his or her opinion and judgment require sidewalks and curbs for pedestrian travel.

18 **(b) All maintenance of sidewalks along state highways shall be the responsibility of the**
19 **state.**

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require all maintenance of state highways to be the responsibility of the
2 state.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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