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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - STORM DRAINAGE INSPECTION

Introduced By: Representatives Newberry, and Edwards

Date Introduced: February 23, 2010

Referred To: House 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.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would eliminate the state mandate that all small municipal separate storm sewer
2 systems be inspected annually.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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