

**2024 -- H 7728 SUBSTITUTE A**

=====  
LC005051/SUB A/2  
=====

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024**

\_\_\_\_\_

A N A C T

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- FOREST FIRES AND PREVENTION

Introduced By: Representatives Cotter, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Carson, Fenton-Fung,  
Casimiro, Edwards, Chippendale, Speakman, and McEntee  
Date Introduced: February 28, 2024

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1           SECTION 1. Chapter 2-12 of the General Laws entitled "Forest Fires and Prevention" is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:  
3           **2-12-22. Coordination with local fire departments.**  
4           The department shall, to the greatest extent practicable, coordinate with appropriate local  
5 fire departments to assess conditions at state properties directly managed by the department relating  
6 to forest fire prevention and response. Conditions to be assessed include, but are not limited to,  
7 egress to and from the property, the capacity of fire roads to support emergency equipment, and  
8 access to water supplies within the property.  
9           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

=====  
LC005051/SUB A/2  
=====

EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF

A N A C T

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- FOREST FIRES AND PREVENTION

\*\*\*

- 1           This act would require DEM, when practicable, to coordinate with local fire departments
- 2           to assess fire prevention at certain state properties managed by the department.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

=====  
LC005051/SUB A/2  
=====