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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - UNDERGROUND UTILITY
CONTRACTORS

Introduced By: Senator Walter S. Felag

Date Introduced: January 27, 2016

Referred To: Senate Commerce

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 ~~== (a) After enactment of this chapter, and at~~ At any time prior to ~~the expiration of six (6) months~~
5 ~~following enactment of this section~~ July 1, 2017, the board shall, without examination, upon
6 payment of the fees required in this chapter and approval of the issuance of the license by the
7 board, issue a license to any applicant who shall present satisfactory evidence as described in
8 subsection (b) of this section that the applicant has the qualification for issuance of an
9 underground utility contractor license. Thereafter, in order to qualify for an underground utility
10 contractor license after the initial "grandfather" window, said licensee may renew the license
11 pursuant to § 5-65.3-5. Each city and town shall notify said licensees of the requirements of this
12 section no later than September 1, 2016.

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

1 statewide licensing examination.

2 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and shall apply retroactively to
3 January 1, 2015.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act extends the grandfather clause pertaining to licensing of underground utility
- 2 contractors granted without examination to July 1, 2017.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage and shall apply retroactively to January 1, 2015.

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