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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2008

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RELATING TO HIGHWAYS - THE JAMESTOWN BRIDGE FISHING PARK

Introduced By: Representative Kenneth Carter

Date Introduced: April 24, 2008

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 24-12-51.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 24-12 entitled "Rhode
2 Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 ~~24-12-51.1. Jamestown Verrazzano Bridge -- Fishing area and park. -- Former~~
4 **Jamestown Verrazzano Bridge – Public fishing area. --** (a) The director of the department of
5 transportation and department of environmental management ~~is~~ are hereby authorized and
6 directed to retain ~~a portion of the North Kingstown side of the existing~~ the state-owned land
7 adjacent to the former Jamestown Bridge on the North Kingstown side of the former bridge for
8 use as a public ~~fishing pier~~ parking area and public shore access site. The ~~portion~~ land so retained
9 ~~shall be sufficient in area to facilitate the purposes of this section and~~ shall be open to the general
10 public at no charge, and shall be made accessible to persons with disabilities, and shall provide
11 the public with free and unfettered access to the shore and/or to any structure built over the water,
12 in accordance with subsection (b) below.

13 (b) The ~~director~~ directors of the department of transportation and department of
14 environmental management ~~is~~ are hereby authorized and directed to give due consideration to
15 further development of the public shore access site provided for in this section, particularly with
16 regard to recreational fishing opportunities. Such consideration shall include, but not be limited
17 to, the potential establishment of a public fishing pier, boat access, and/or park. In pursuing
18 further development of the site, the directors shall seek to maximize public use and enjoyment of
19 the site, particularly with regard to fishing access. Any structures or facilities so developed

1 ~~develop and maintain a park on state owned land adjacent to the existing Jamestown Bridge on~~
2 ~~the North Kingstown side of the bridge, suitable for use in conjunction with the fishing pier~~
3 ~~provided for in this section. The park~~ shall be open to the general public at no charge and shall be
4 made accessible to persons with disabilities.

5 (c) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in any general or public law,
6 rule or regulation, the state of Rhode Island shall be responsible for maintenance and security of
7 the site described in this section.

8 (d) Notwithstanding the aforementioned, the directors of the department of transportation
9 and the department of environmental management are hereby authorized to limit public access to
10 the site described in this section, between sunset and sunrise.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would repeal the require that direction of the department to transportation and
2 the director of the department of environmental management retain the state owned land adjacent
3 to the former Jamestown Verrazzano Bridge for the purpose of providing shoreline access. Said
4 directors are also authorized and directed to give due consideration for the development of said
5 land for public access particularly with regard to recreational fishing opportunities.

6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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