

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 234



Approved April 13, 2011

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council
hereby Endorse and Urge Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2011-H
5940 and Senate Bill 2011-S 561, Entitled: An Act Relating to Highways –
Maintenance of Town Highways. (State Maintenance of Roads)

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED


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CLERK

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MAYOR 4/13/11

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

A N A C T

RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- MAINTENANCE OF TOWN HIGHWAYS

Introduced By: Representatives Medina, Hull, Carnevale, Blazejewski, and Slater

Date Introduced: March 17, 2011

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 24-5-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 24-5 entitled "Maintenance
2 of Town Highways" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 24-5-1. Duty of town to maintain highways. -- (a) All highways, causeways, and
4 bridges, except as provided by this chapter, lying and being within the bounds of any town, shall
5 be kept in repair and amended, from time to time, so that the highways, causeways, and bridges
6 may be safe and convenient for travelers with their teams, carts, and carriages at all seasons of the
7 year, at the proper charge and expense of the town, under the care and direction of the town
8 council of the town, provided that the state shall be responsible for the annual cleaning of all
9 sidewalks on all state highways, causeways, and bridges.

10 (b) In addition, the surfaces of all highways and causeways shall be maintained in such a
11 state of repair as to make them safe for bicycles.

12 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (a) and section 24-8-1.3:

13 (1) All roadways classified by the department of administration as interstate highways,
14 freeways, expressways, and principal arterials shall be kept in repair and maintained by the state.

15 (2) All roadways that are both classified by the department of administration as minor
16 arterials and contained in towns shall be kept in repair and maintained by the state.

17 (3) All roadways classified by the department of administration as major collectors,
18 minor collectors, and rural minor collectors shall be kept in repair and maintained by the city or
19 town in which they are contained.

1 (4) All roadways that are both classified by the department of administration as minor
2 arterials and contained in cities shall be kept in repair and maintained by the city in which they
3 are contained.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
A N A C T
RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- MAINTENANCE OF TOWN HIGHWAYS

- 1 This act would require the state to maintain all roadways classified by the department of
2 administration as interstate highways, freeways, expressways and principal and minor arterials.
3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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2011 -- S 0561

LC01497**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND****IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY****JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011**

A N A C T
RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- MAINTENANCE OF TOWN HIGHWAYS**Introduced By:** Senators Pichardo, Ciccone, Jabour, Metts, and Perry**Date Introduced:** March 10, 2011**Referred To:** Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1-1 SECTION 1. Section 24-5-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 24-5 entitled "Maintenance
1-2 of Town Highways" is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 1-3 **24-5-1. Duty of town to maintain highways.** -- (a) All highways, causeways, and
1-4 bridges, except as provided by this chapter, lying and being within the bounds of any town, shall
1-5 be kept in repair and amended, from time to time, so that the highways, causeways, and bridges
1-6 may be safe and convenient for travelers with their teams, carts, and carriages at all seasons of the
1-7 year, at the proper charge and expense of the town, under the care and direction of the town
1-8 council of the town, provided that the state shall be responsible for the annual cleaning of all
1-9 sidewalks on all state highways, causeways, and bridges.
- 1-10 (b) In addition, the surfaces of all highways and causeways shall be maintained in such a
1-11 state of repair as to make them safe for bicycles.
- 1-12 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (a) and section 24-8-1.3:
- 1-13 (1) All roadways classified by the department of administration as interstate highways,
1-14 freeways, expressways, and principal arterials shall be kept in repair and maintained by the state.
- 1-15 (2) All roadways that are both classified by the department of administration as minor
1-16 arterials and contained in towns shall be kept in repair and maintained by the state.
- 1-17 (3) All roadways classified by the department of administration as major collectors,

1-18 minor collectors, and rural minor collectors shall be kept in repair and maintained by the city or
1-19 town in which they are contained.

2-1 (4) All roadways that are both classified by the department of administration as minor
2-2 arterials and contained in cities shall be kept in repair and maintained by the city in which they
2-3 are contained.

2-4 SECTION 2. Chapter 364 of the Public Laws of 1985 entitled "An Act Relating to the
2-5 Declaration of State Highways in the City of Providence" is hereby repealed in its entirety.

2-6 AN ACT RELATING TO THE DECLARATION OF STATE HIGHWAYS IN THE
2-7 CITY OF PROVIDENCE

2-8 ~~SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other act or state law, the state director of~~
2-9 ~~transportation, by and through his designees, shall be responsible for the maintenance cost,~~
2-10 ~~reconstruction, snow and ice removal, construction, and maintenance of adjoining curbs and~~
2-11 ~~sidewalks, drainage, and installation, and maintenance of traffic signals on United States and~~
2-12 ~~Rhode Island roads passing through the city or Providence as routes or travel for persons~~
2-13 ~~traveling from other cities and towns or states as set forth in section 2 of this act, and these public~~
2-14 ~~highways shall be henceforth designated as state highways, as further defined in subsection 31-1-~~
2-15 ~~23 (h) of the general law as amended.~~

2-16 ~~SECTION 2. The following lengths of United States and Rhode Island routes within the~~
2-17 ~~city of Providence between the points of crossing of the city lines, and being that width between~~
2-18 ~~the outside boundaries of sidewalks abutting those routes, are hereby declared to be state~~
2-19 ~~highways:~~

2-20 ~~U.S. route 1 from the Elmwood avenue intersection with the Cranston city line through~~
2-21 ~~the city of Providence to its intersection on North Main street with the Pawtucket city line;~~

2-22 ~~U.S. route 1A from the Cranston city line along the Narragansett boulevard and Allens~~
2-23 ~~avenue to the intersection of Allens avenue and Eddy street;~~

2-24 ~~U.S. route 6 from the intersection of South Main street and Wickenden street along~~
2-25 ~~Promenade street to Hartford avenue to its intersection with the Johnston town line;~~

2-26 ~~U.S. route 44 from the intersection of South Main street and Wickenden along North~~
2-27 ~~Main street and Smith street along Smith street to its intersection with the North Providence town~~
2-28 ~~line.~~

2-29 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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3-2 administration as interstate highways, freeways, expressways and principal and minor arterials.
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