



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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Donald L. Carcieri  
Governor

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 14, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island and Section 43-1-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I transmit, with my disapproval, 2009 H 6304, Substitute A, "An Act Relating to Public Property and Works—Big River Reservoir Moratorium."

This act would permit bicycles up and along the Big River Management Area ("BRMA"). It would also require the Water Resources Board ("WRB") and the Department of Environmental Management ("DEM") to adopt rules and regulations governing the use of bicycles in the BRMA.

This area of our State was set aside in statute as a viable and abundant source of water. Our water supply is a valuable resource and its protection and proper management are critical for the improvement of our State's infrastructure. Passage of this legislation could potentially inhibit the State's ability in the future to responsibly tap the water resources available in the BRMA.

The rules and regulations currently in place govern the responsible use of the BRMA and they not only afford a vast array of public recreational opportunities, but also safeguard our future water supply. I see no reason to statutorily change these policies.

For these reasons, I disapprove of this legislation and respectfully urge your support of this veto.

Sincerely,

Donald L. Carcieri  
Governor