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RITBA Warns Customers of Another Text Scam

Today, the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority again warned customers of a widespread text scam known as smishing. Smishing is a type of phishing that involves sending fraudulent communications via text message. A scam message is circulating today that claims the recipient owes money for a Rhode Island toll.

"We're committed to helping protect our customers from fraud," said Lori Caron Silveira, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority. "These 'smishing' messages are all scams. To check the status of your account, go to our official website. If you are not an E-Z Pass customer and choose to pay per toll by mail, you will receive your invoices in the mail."

- Customers are advised to visit the official RITBA E-ZPass website: <https://www.ezpassritba.com/> to safely check their accounts.
- Customers who wish to report this smishing scam may visit the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at <https://www.ic3.gov/>. Suspicious texts can also be forwarded to 7726 (SPAM) to notify mobile providers.

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