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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- QUONSET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Introduced By: Representatives Casimiro, Craven, McEntee, Caldwell, Finkelman, Solomon, and Kazarian

Date Introduced: April 03, 2026

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-64.10 of the General Laws entitled "Quonset Development
2 Corporation" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **42-64.10-16. Prohibition on thermal waste conversion facilities.**

4 (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule, regulation, or authority to the
5 contrary, the Quonset development corporation shall not authorize, permit, lease, approve, or
6 otherwise allow the siting, operation or construction of any thermal waste conversion facility, or
7 similar chemical or thermal processes designed to convert solid waste, plastics, biomass, or other
8 feedstock into fuels, energy, or chemical products, within the boundaries of the Quonset
9 Point/Davisville Industrial Park.

10 (b) For the purpose of this section, "thermal waste conversion facility" means any facility
11 utilizing elevated temperatures in a controlled or oxygen-limited environment to chemically
12 decompose or transform solid waste or sewage sludge materials into gaseous, liquid, or solid
13 products intended for energy generation, fuel production, or industrial use.

14 (c) The provisions of this section shall apply to all real property owned, managed, leased,
15 or otherwise under the jurisdiction of the Quonset development corporation.

16 (d) Nothing contained herein shall be construed to impair the right of any individual or
17 entity who lawfully engaged in any activity provided in subsection (a) of this section prior to the
18 effective date of this section.

1 [\(e\) This section shall expire and have no force or effect as of February 1, 2027.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would prohibit the operation of any thermal waste conversion facility such as
- 2 pyrolysis within the Quonset Point/Davisville Industrial Park.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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