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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REFUSE DISPOSAL

Introduced By: Representatives Ruggiero, Kazarian, Carson, Cortvriend, and Donovan

Date Introduced: January 25, 2021

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-18.9-17 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-18.9 entitled "Refuse
2 Disposal" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-18.9-17. Food waste ban.**

4 (a) On and after January 1, 2016, each covered entity and each covered educational
5 institution shall ensure that the organic-waste materials that are generated by the covered entity or
6 at the covered educational facility are recycled at an authorized, composting facility or anaerobic
7 digestion facility or by another authorized recycling method if:

8 (1) The covered entity or covered educational facility generates not less than ~~one hundred~~
9 ~~four (104)~~ fifty-two (52) tons per year of organic-waste material; and

10 (2) The covered entity or covered educational facility is located not more than ~~fifteen (15)~~
11 thirty (30) miles from an authorized composting facility or anaerobic digestion facility with
12 available capacity to accept such material.

13 (b) On and after January 1, 2018, each covered educational institution shall ensure that the
14 organic-waste materials that are generated at the covered educational facility are recycled at an
15 authorized, composting facility or anaerobic digestion facility or by another authorized recycling
16 method if:

17 (1) The covered educational facility generates not less than fifty-two (52) tons per year of
18 organic-waste material; and

19 (2) The covered entity or covered educational facility is located not more than fifteen (15)

1 miles from an authorized, composting facility or anaerobic digestion facility with available capacity
2 to accept such material.

3 (c) The director shall grant a waiver of the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) upon a
4 showing that the tipping fee charged by the Rhode Island resource recovery corporation for non-
5 contract commercial sector waste is less than the fee charged for organic-waste material by each
6 composting facility or anaerobic digestion facility located within ~~fifteen (15)~~ thirty (30) miles of
7 the covered entity's location.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on December 31, 2021.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require certain businesses and educational facilities that produce at least
2 fifty-two (52) tons of organic-waste yearly and are located within thirty (30) miles of an authorized
3 composting facility to use authorized methods of recycling.

4 This act would take effect on December 31, 2021.

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