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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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CREATING A SPECIAL HOUSE COMMISSION TO STUDY PRODUCER
RESPONSIBILITY MODELS FOR PAPER AND PACKAGING

Introduced By: Representatives Walsh, Handy, Tanzi, Ruggiero, and Valencia

Date Introduced: January 05, 2012

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of five (5) members:~~one of whom shall be the director of the Department of~~
3 ~~Environmental Management, or designee; one of whom shall be a member of an environmental~~
4 ~~group, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; and three (3) all~~ of whom shall be
5 representatives from the House of Representatives, and not more than ~~two (2)~~ three (3) from the
6 same political party; to be appointed by the Speaker of the House.

7 In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory
8 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly
9 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu
10 of a legislator, provided that the majority leader or the minority leader of the political party which
11 is entitled to the appointment consents to the member of the general public.

12 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study of the
13 opportunity to preserve long term landfill capacity for Rhode Island municipalities by continuing
14 to expand the diversion of paper and packaging through a producer responsibility program.

15 The commission's recommendations shall include, at a minimum: a set of criteria to be
16 used to evaluate paper and packaging materials proposed for product stewardship solutions;
17 methods to identify and monitor progress toward stewardship performance goals for collection
18 and recycling of materials; options to facilitate the creation of industry-managed stewardship

1 management organizations; methods to fund increased diversion of paper and packaging; and
2 structures for agency oversight of a collection and recycling program.

3 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at
4 the call of the Speaker of the House and organize and shall select a chairperson from among the
5 legislators.

6 Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

7 The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

8 All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,
9 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or
10 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

11 The Speaker of the House is hereby authorized and directed to provide suitable quarters
12 for said commission; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
14 House of Representatives no later than January 17, 2013, and said commission shall expire on
15 February 14, 2013.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This resolution would create a five (5) member special legislative study commission
2 whose purpose it would be to study producer responsibility models for paper and packaging, and
3 who would report back to the House no later than January 17, 2013, and whose life would expire
4 on February 14, 2013.

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