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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - DRUG DISPOSAL

Introduced By: Representatives Marcello, and Ruggiero

Date Introduced: February 28, 2012

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 21-31 of the General Laws entitled "Rhode Island Food, Drugs,  
2 and Cosmetics Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **21-31-24. Drug disposal. -- (a) Notwithstanding any provisions of the general or public**  
4 **laws to the contrary, any city or town may authorize the use of its police department to display a**  
5 **container suitable for use as a receptacle for used, expired, or unwanted drugs or drug products.**  
6 **The receptacle shall only permit the deposit of items, and the contents shall be locked and**  
7 **secured. The container shall be accessible to the public and shall have posted clearly legible**  
8 **signage indicating that expired or unwanted drugs or drug products may be disposed of in the**  
9 **receptacle.**

10           **(b) The used, expired, or unwanted drugs or drug products disposed of under this section**  
11 **shall not include any controlled substance, as defined in section 21-28-2.08, except as permitted**  
12 **under federal law.**

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would allow for the establishment of disposal containers for unused, expired or
- 2 unwanted drugs or drug products, except for controlled substances, at local police departments.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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