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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY
CORPORATION

Introduced By: Representatives Ucci, Fellela, Petrarca, Marcello, and Carnevale

Date Introduced: May 24, 2012

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-19-23 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-19 entitled "Rhode
2 Island Resource Recovery Corporation" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-19-23. Citizen advisory board. Citizens advisory board. --** ~~The governor shall~~
4 ~~appoint from among interested citizens of the state eleven (11) members, and the mayor of~~
5 ~~Johnston shall appoint one member to a citizens solid waste management advisory board~~
6 ~~consisting of twelve (12) persons. In the month of June each year, the governor shall appoint a~~
7 ~~successor to the member of the board whose term shall expire in that year, to hold office~~
8 ~~commencing on the first day of July in the year of appointment and until the first day of July in~~
9 ~~the third year after their respective appointments and until their respective successors are~~
10 ~~appointed and qualified. In the month of June upon the expiration of the terms, the mayor of the~~
11 ~~town of Johnston shall appoint a successor to the member of the board whose term shall expire in~~
12 ~~that year, to hold office commencing on the first day of July in the year of appointment and until~~
13 ~~the first day of July in the third year after his or her appointment, and until his or her successor is~~
14 ~~appointed and qualified. Any vacancy which may occur in the board shall be filled by the~~
15 ~~governor or the mayor of Johnston in accordance with the original manner of appointment, for the~~
16 ~~duration of the unexpired term. It shall be the role of the citizens advisory board to give advice to~~
17 ~~the corporation concerning rules and regulations and legislation affecting solid waste~~
18 ~~management, resource recovery, and recycling; and to study the effects of existing recovery and~~

1 ~~recycling programs, and to annually report its findings to the corporation for inclusion in the~~
2 ~~annual report and to recommend to the corporation, special studies and projects which it feels are~~
3 ~~needed to further economic solid waste management, resource recovery, and recycling. At least~~
4 ~~two (2) members of the board shall be designated from time to time to attend all meetings of the~~
5 ~~solid waste management corporation. The members of the citizen advisory board shall serve~~
6 ~~without compensation. The board shall, at regular intervals, conduct business meetings for the~~
7 ~~purpose of carrying out its general business, and the meetings shall be open to the public and all~~
8 ~~records and minutes will be a matter of public record.~~

9 (a) There is hereby created a permanent board to be known as the "Citizens Advisory
10 Board" to consist of twelve (12) members, six (6) to be appointed by the governor, two (2) of
11 whom shall be from the city of Cranston, two (2) of whom shall be from the town of Scituate and
12 two (2) from the town of Johnston; three (3) of whom shall be appointed by the mayor of
13 Johnston and three (3) of whom shall be appointed by the town council of Johnston. The term of
14 appointment shall be three (3) years.

15 (b) It shall be the role of the citizens advisory board to advise the Rhode Island resource
16 recovery corporation concerning: rules and regulations and legislation affecting solid waste
17 management, resource recovery and recycling; effects of existing recovery and recycling
18 programs; all landfill expansion plans; all single expenditures which exceed five hundred
19 thousand dollars (\$500,000); all land clearing proposals of over one quarter (1/4) of an acre of
20 land in the landfill; proposed construction of all new buildings of the landfill and additions to
21 existing landfill buildings that exceed two hundred (200) square feet; annually reporting their
22 findings to the governor and to recommend to the corporation, special studies and projects which
23 it feels are needed to further economic solid waste management resource recovery and recycling.

24 (c) At least two (2) members of the board shall be designated from time to time to attend
25 all meetings of the Rhode Island resource recovery corporation. The board shall, at regular
26 monthly intervals, conduct business meetings for the purpose of carrying out its general business,
27 and the meetings shall be open to the public and all records and minutes shall be a matter of
28 public record.

29 (d) A board member shall not receive compensation for his or her service on the board
30 but may receive reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses, while engaged in the
31 performance of official duties of the board.

32 (e) The board shall elect annually a chairperson and vice chairperson from among its
33 membership.

34 (f) The Rhode Island resource recovery corporation shall furnish the advisory board a

1 suitable location to hold its meetings.

2 (g) The board shall meet at least quarterly and at the call of the chairperson or four (4)
3 board members. The executive director of the Rhode Island resource recovery corporation shall
4 be present for all board meetings to inform the board of the actions of the corporation and to
5 respond to the board's inquiries.

6 (h) The board shall review legislative proposals and comment on existing state laws
7 relating to solid waste management, resource recovery and recycling.

8 (i) The board shall have free access to all public records and documents of the Rhode
9 Island resource recovery corporation which may be of value to it in connection with the research
10 and study of the board.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would set forth the composition, purpose and powers of the citizens advisory
- 2 board to the Rhode Island resource recovery corporation.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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