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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY - SOIL AMENDMENTS

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Goodwin, Walaska, Lynch, and Bates

Date Introduced: February 15, 2012

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 2-22-11 of the General Laws in Chapter 2-22 entitled "Soil
2 Amendments" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **2-22-11. Rules and regulations.** – (a) The director of environmental management is
4 authorized pursuant to publication and notice to adopt and enforce rules and regulations relating
5 to sampling, analytical methods, form, minimum percentages, soil amending ingredients,
6 exempted materials, investigational allowances, definitions, records, labels, labeling, liability
7 bond, misbranding, mislabeling, and the distribution of soil amendments as may be necessary to
8 carry into effect the full intent and meaning of this chapter. The director of environmental
9 management is authorized and empowered to adopt and enforce rules and regulations to waive
10 registration and fee requirements for agricultural, municipal and other compost facilities based
11 upon the size of operation, volume and composition of material being composted.

12 (b) All applications for composting, agricultural and/or solid waste, shall require written
13 confirmation from the respective city/town for which the application is being sought, that the
14 proposed site for the composting operation and/or facility is zoned to permit that which is being
15 requested. Upon receipt of a request for zoning verification, the respective city/town shall have
16 thirty (30) days for which to respond to the request for verification. (No permit for composting,
17 agricultural and/or solid waste, shall be granted until such time as the city/town for which the
18 composting operation and/or facility has provided written confirmation that the composting
19 operation and/or facility has been granted a zoning permit for such operation and/or facility).

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require applications to conduct composting operations contain evidence
- 2 that the operation will be conducted in an area with proper zoning.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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