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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - AIR POLLUTION

Introduced By: Senators Walaska, and Felag

Date Introduced: March 08, 2012

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- SECTION 1. Chapter 23-23 of the General Laws entitled "Air Pollution" is hereby
 amended by adding thereto the following section:
- 3 23-23-30. Stage II vapor recovery systems. (a) For the purposes of this section, "stage
- 4 <u>II vapor collection and control system</u>" means a system which collects gasoline vapors displaced
- 5 from motor vehicle gasoline tanks during refueling and which routes the vapors to a stationary
- 6 storage tank.

7 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 23-23-5:

8 (1) A motor vehicle fuel dispensing facility shall be exempt from the department's stage

9 <u>II system requirements if it begins operation after the effective date of this section; and</u>

10 (2) Upon department verification and approval, a motor vehicle fuel dispensing facility

11 shall be exempt from the department's stage II system requirements if, upon department

- 12 verification and approval, excavation of one or more underground gasoline storage tanks is
- 13 required in order to install or repair a below-ground component of the stage II vapor collection
- 14 and control system or the facility replaces fifty percent (50%) or more of its gasoline dispensers
- 15 <u>after the effective date of this subsection.</u>
- 16 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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- 1 This act would exempt gas stations with new gasoline dispensing equipment from the
- 2 department of health's "stage II system" requirements.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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