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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - GENERATION - TRANSPORTATION -
STORAGE - TREATMENT - MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF REGULATED
MEDICAL WASTE

Introduced By: Senator William A. Walaska

Date Introduced: February 27, 2014

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-19.12 of the General Laws entitled "Generation -
2 Transportation - Storage - Treatment - Management and Disposal of Regulated Medical Waste" is
3 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

4 **23-19.12-10.1. Hospitals and pharmacies.** – [Notwithstanding any provision of law to](#)
5 [the contrary contained in any general or public law, rule or regulation, hospitals and pharmacies](#)
6 [shall provide for public use containers for the collection of sharps as defined in § 23-19.12-](#)
7 [3\(7\)\(iii\)\(D\).](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF

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- 1 This act would require hospitals and pharmacies to provide sharps containers for public
- 2 use.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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