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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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SENATE RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE SITE INVESTIGATION AND APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION RESPONSE TO COMPLETELY ADDRESS AND FULLY REMEDIATE THE HAZARDOUS POLLUTION FROM A LANDFILL SITE IN WARWICK

Introduced By: Senators Walaska, McCaffrey, and Lynch

Date Introduced: June 05, 2014

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, The health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the State of Rhode Island  
2 are matters of paramount importance to the General Assembly; and

3           WHEREAS, A landfill was operated in the City of Warwick, that was located on land  
4 which is currently owned by the state; and

5           WHEREAS, The former landfill has long been identified as a hazardous waste disposal  
6 site containing analytes/hazardous compounds that are summarized in a preliminary site  
7 investigation report dated September, 2008. This hazardous site is surrounded by wetlands on  
8 three sides; and

9           WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) no  
10 longer takes borings of the areas surrounding the landfill to determine if the size and limits of the  
11 underground pollution plume has changed and further migrated away from the original site; and

12           WHEREAS, The DEM inspected and installed a temporary cap to the landfill site at least  
13 once since the flood of 2010, but has not authorized funding to proceed with the four-step process  
14 to fully test and mitigate leachate patterns and the adverse impacts that the landfill is having on  
15 the surrounding area, including groundwater leachate; now, therefore be it

16           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
17 hereby respectfully requests the Honorable Governor of the State of Rhode Island to authorize the

1 Director of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management to conduct a  
2 comprehensive site investigation and appropriate environmental mitigation response to  
3 completely address and fully remediate the hazardous pollution from the landfill site in Warwick  
4 in accordance with federal and state laws; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
6 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Honorable Lincoln Chaffee, Governor of  
7 Rhode Island, and Janet Coit, Director, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management.

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