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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROVIDE A WRITTEN UPDATE OF THE FACTS, FIGURES, AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOUND IN THE SEPTEMBER 2013 REPORT OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS FROM PHARMACEUTICAL HUMAN WASTE CONTAMINATION IN THE WATER SUPPLY

Introduced By: Senators Ottiano, and Miller

Date Introduced: June 18, 2014

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, One of the central responsibilities of the state is to protect the health and
2 well-being of its citizens; and

3 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Senate took action in 2013 to assess the risk to the water
4 supply and to public health posed by unused pharmaceuticals and contaminated human waste, by
5 forming the Special Legislative Commission to Study Public Health Threats from
6 Pharmaceutical Human Waste Contamination in the Water Supply; and

7 WHEREAS, The Special Legislative Commission's final report, issued in September of
8 2013, contained facts, findings, and recommendations that described an overall level of safety in
9 Rhode Island's environmental health; and

10 WHEREAS, It is critical to continue to monitor the state's disposal of hazardous waste
11 and the safety of our groundwaters and water systems; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
13 hereby respectfully requests that the Rhode Island Department of Health provides a written
14 update of the facts, figures, and recommendations found in the Special Legislative Commission's
15 September 2013 report; and be it further

16 RESOVLED, That this Senate respectfully requests that the written update be submitted
17 to the Senate President, to the Chair of the Senate Committee on the Environment and
18 Agriculture, and to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services on or

1 before February 10, 2015; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is directed and authorized to send
3 duly certified copies of this resolution to the Director of the Department of Health, the Director of
4 the Department of Environmental Management, and the Rhode Island Attorney General.

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