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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION
TO ADVOCATE FOR RESTORING FUNDING FOR NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG
TAKE BACK DAY

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, Nesselbush, Miller, Algieri, and Satchell

Date Introduced: February 25, 2015

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

1 WHEREAS, Medicines in the home are a leading cause of accidental poisoning, and the
2 safe disposal of narcotics and other prescription drugs is therefore a public health priority in
3 Rhode Island; and

4 WHEREAS, Prescription drug abuse is alarmingly common in the Ocean State. Over half
5 of teens who abuse medications get them from a family member or friend, and oftentimes a
6 medicine cabinet in the household presents an open invitation to our young people; and

7 WHEREAS, Rhode Island's local leaders, law enforcement officials, public health
8 experts, and environmental professionals stand united in their support of drug take-back
9 programs; and

10 WHEREAS, Police departments throughout our state have been collecting discarded
11 prescriptions and other medications on National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, an event
12 whose last day took place in September of 2014; and

13 WHEREAS, Over the years, thousands of pounds of unused and potentially dangerous
14 medications have been safely disposed of through this program; and

15 WHEREAS, The United States Drug Enforcement Agency has ended its financial support
16 for National Drug Take Back Day; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
18 hereby respectfully requests that Rhode Island's Congressional Delegation advocates for restoring
19 funding for National Prescription Drug Take Back Day; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
2 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the members of the Rhode Island Congressional
3 Delegation, the Director of the Department of Health, the Superintendent of the Rhode Island
4 State Police, and the President of the Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association.

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