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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECT OF  
WIND TURBINES ON ALL MARINE LIFE

Introduced By: Senators Morgan, Rogers, Paolino, and Raptakis

Date Introduced: February 27, 2019

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

1           RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created  
2 consisting of five (5) members: five (5) of whom shall be members of the Rhode Island Senate,  
3 not more than three (3) from the same political party, to be appointed by the President of the  
4 Senate.

5           In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory  
6 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly  
7 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu  
8 of a legislator, provided that the majority leader or the minority leader of the political party which  
9 is entitled to the appointment consents to the member of the general public.

10           The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study of the effect of  
11 wind turbines on all marine life, including, but not limited to, aquatic birds.

12           Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at  
13 the call of the President of the Senate and organize and shall select a chairperson from among the  
14 legislators.

15           Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

16           The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

17           All departments and agencies of the state, shall furnish such advice and information,  
18 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or  
19 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

1           The Joint Committee on Legislative Services is hereby authorized and directed to provide  
2 suitable quarters for said commission; and be it further

3           RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
4 Senate no later than February 11, 2020, and said commission shall expire on May 11, 2020.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This resolution would create a five (5) member special legislative study commission  
2 whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of the effect of wind turbines on all  
3 marine life, and who would report back to the Senate no later than February 11, 2020, and whose  
4 life would expire on May 11, 2020.

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