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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2007

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL

Introduced By: Senators Perry, Connors, Gallo, and Jabour

Date Introduced: February 15, 2007

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-25 of the General Laws entitled "Pesticide Control" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **23-25-39. Report on lawn care pesticide use.** – (a) The department of environmental
4 management shall report to the governor, the speaker of the house and the president of the senate
5 on or before November 1, 2007, with regard to:

6 (1) health risks, especially in children, associated with lawn care pesticides, as such risks
7 have been established in the literature, based on the best available scientific information and
8 health data studies;

9 (2) currently recognized best practices for the use and/or control of lawn care pesticides
10 at schools and child daycare facilities;

11 (3) how other jurisdictions have managed lawn care pesticides used at school facilities,
12 including school facilities that have two (2) or more of the following functions at the same
13 location, child daycare facilities, preschools, elementary and secondary schools;

14 (4) what Rhode Island schools are currently doing to manage, decrease or eliminate the
15 use of lawn care pesticides on school grounds and to implement alternative methods of pest
16 management in lawn care;

17 (5) a recommended lawn care pesticide use and control program for public and private
18 child daycare centers, preschools and elementary schools located in Rhode Island; and

19 (6) the enforcement activities required to implement the lawn care use and control

1 program and the fiscal impact this program may have on state agencies and school departments.
2 (b) The department of environmental management shall establish a working group,
3 including, but not limited to: the department of health, the department of elementary and
4 secondary education and the association of school committees, to assist with the report required
5 in subsection (a). The department of health and the department of elementary and secondary
6 education are hereby authorized and directed to cooperate with the department of environmental
7 management in the preparation of the report required by this section.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require the department of environment management to issue a report
- 2 relative to the use of lawn care pesticides and their effect on children.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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