

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2009

JOINT RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ESTABLISHING A
COMPREHENSIVE PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP APPROACH TO REDUCING
ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH RISKS POSED BY THE USE OR DISPOSAL OF
PRODUCTS

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, Lenihan, Sheehan, Tassoni, and Gallo

Date Introduced: April 22, 2009

Referred To: Senate Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

1 RESOLVED, That this General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence
2 Plantations hereby requests the Department of Environmental Management to develop
3 recommendations for establishing a comprehensive product stewardship approach to reducing
4 environmental and health risks posed by the use or disposal of products; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That said recommendations shall include, but not be limited to:

- 6 • A set of criteria to be used to evaluate products proposed for product
7 stewardship solutions;
- 8 • A process for designating products for product stewardship solutions and the
9 role the legislature would play in that process;
- 10 • Typical components of product stewardship plans;
- 11 • Options to facilitate the creation of industry-managed stewardship organizations;
- 12 • Methods to identify and monitor progress toward stewardship performance goals
13 for specific products; and
- 14 • Strategies to implement the use of standards, certifications, and eco-labels to
15 promote environmentally preferable products; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That this General Assembly hereby requests, to the extent possible, that the
17 recommendations should be consistent with existing stewardship programs in North America, and
18 in developing the recommendations, the director of the Department of Environmental

1 Management should consult with manufacturers, retailers, recyclers, environmental advocacy
2 organizations, local units of government, and other interested parties; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That this General Assembly hereby requests the Department of
4 Environmental Management to report back its findings to the chairman of the House of
5 Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and the chairman of the Senate committee on
6 Environment and Agriculture on or before January 14, 2010; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the director of the Department of
9 Environmental Management.

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