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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2003

SENATE RESOLUTION

**CREATING A SPECIAL SENATE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF
TOXIC MOLD**

Introduced By: Senators Ruggiero, Sosnowski, Lanzi, and Polisena

Date Introduced: April 01, 2003

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

1 RESOLVED, That a special senate commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of ten (10) members: three (3) of whom shall be from the Senate, not more than two
3 (2) from the same political party, to be appointed by the President of the Senate; one (1) of whom
4 shall be the Director of the Department of Health, or designee; one (1) of whom shall be the
5 Director of the Department of Environmental Management, or designee; one (1) of whom shall be
6 from the Division of Occupational Safety, to be appointed by the Director of the Department of
7 Labor and Training; one (1) of whom shall be from the Building Code Commission, to be
8 appointed by the Director of the Department of Administration; one (1) of whom shall be the
9 executive director of the independent insurance agents of Rhode Island or his or her designee; and
10 one (1) of whom shall be the president of the Rhode Island lumber and building materials dealers
11 association or his or her designee; and one (1) of whom shall be the President of the Rhode Island
12 Builders Association, or designee.

13 In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory
14 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a general assembly
15 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu
16 of a legislator, provided that the majority leader or the minority leader of the political party which
17 is entitled to the appointment consents to the appointment of the member of the general public.

18 The purpose of said commission shall be to study the health effects of toxic mold and
19 make recommendations on methods to protect the public from unsafe indoor exposure from toxic

1 mold. They shall make a comprehensive review of current research and studies, and current
2 findings and recommendations regarding toxic mold's health effects and indoor exposure limits.
3 The commission's recommendations shall include potential alternative safe exposure limits for
4 certain facilities, including, but not limited to, schools, hospitals, child care facilities and nursing
5 homes and prospective regulations for the establishment and enforcement of safe indoor exposure
6 limits in all public and private buildings in the state of Rhode Island.

7 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at
8 the call of the President of the Senate and organize and shall select from among the legislators a
9 chairperson. Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original
10 appointment.

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

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

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

17 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
18 Senate on or before March 17, 2004 and said commission shall expire on May 17, 2004.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
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1 This resolution would create a nine (9) member special Senate commission whose
2 purpose it would be to study the health effects of toxic mold and make recommendations on
3 methods and regulations to protect the public from unsafe indoor exposure from toxic mold, and
4 who would report back to the Senate no later than March 17, 2004 and whose life would expire
5 on May 17, 2004.

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