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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - REFUSE DISPOSAL

Introduced By: Representatives Carson, Ruggiero, Tanzi, Bennett, and Handy

Date Introduced: June 15, 2016

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-18.9-17 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-18.9 entitled "Refuse
2 Disposal" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-18.9-17. Food waste ban.** -- (a) On and after January 1, 2016, each covered entity and
4 each covered educational institution shall ensure that the organic waste materials that are
5 generated by the covered entity or at the covered educational facility are recycled at an
6 authorized, composting facility or anaerobic digestion facility or by another authorized recycling
7 method if:

8 (1) The covered entity or covered educational facility generates not less than one
9 hundred four (104) tons per year of organic waste material; and

10 (2) The covered entity or covered educational facility is located not more than fifteen
11 (15) miles from an authorized composting facility or anaerobic digestion facility with available
12 capacity to accept such material.

13 (b) On and after January 1, 2018, each covered educational institution shall ensure that
14 the organic waste materials that are generated at the covered educational facility are recycled at
15 an authorized, composting facility or anaerobic digestion facility or by another authorized
16 recycling method if:

17 (1) The covered educational facility generates not less than fifty-two (52) tons per year of
18 organic waste material; and

19 (2) The covered entity or covered educational facility is located not more than fifteen (15)

1 miles from an authorized composting facility or anaerobic digestion facility with available
2 capacity to accept such material.

3 ~~(c)(b) A covered entity or covered educational institution may petition the department for~~
4 ~~a waiver of the requirements of subsection (a) of this section if~~ The director shall grant a waiver
5 of the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of this section upon a showing that the tipping fee
6 charged by the Rhode Island resource recovery corporation for non-contract commercial sector
7 waste is less than the fee charged for organic waste material by each composting facility or
8 anaerobic digestion facility located within fifteen (15) miles of the covered entity's location.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require that on or after January 1, 2018, educational and research
2 institutions must recycle all of their food waste if they generate not less than 52 tons per year of
3 organic waste material and are located within 15 miles of an authorized composting facility,
4 unless the requirement is waived by the department of environmental management. Waivers
5 would be granted if the cost to recycle is greater than certain tipping fees.

6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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