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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY

Introduced By: Senators Paiva-Weed, Connors, Algieri, Perry, and Blais

Date Introduced: February 11, 2010

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-19 of the General Laws entitled "Rhode Island Resource
2 Recovery Corporation" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **23-19-10.4. Used medication.** – (a) The resource recovery corporation shall develop a
4 statewide used medication collection program. The purposes of this program are to protect the
5 public from the health hazards of flushing or disposing of used medications in household trash,
6 protect the public drinking water supply and aquatic ecosystems from the harmful chemicals in
7 used medications, and limit drug related crimes and opportunities for drug abuse.

8 (b) The corporation shall develop the collection program in partnership with the
9 department of health, department of environmental management and the state police. The
10 collection program shall include, but not be limited to, the following provisions:

11 (1) Collection opportunities for both nonregulated materials and controlled substances;

12 (2) Safe disposal locations and/or return-by-mail programs for proper disposal of used
13 medications;

14 (3) Requirements for the destruction of the used medications;

15 (4) Defined responsibilities for each cooperating agency;

16 (5) Penalties for violating any section of the program; and

17 (6) Public education and information on the proper disposal of used medications.

18 (c) The used medication collection program shall be implemented no later than January 1,
19 2011.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require the resource recovery corporation to develop a statewide used
2 medication collection program.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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