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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**CREATING A SPECIAL HOUSE COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A RECOMMENDED PLAN
FOR THE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING OF ELECTRONIC WASTE**

Introduced By: Representatives Naughton, Giannini, Ginaitt, Kennedy, and Lewiss

Date Introduced: February 11, 2003

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

1 RESOLVED, That a special house commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of thirteen (13) members: three (3) of whom shall be members of the House of
3 Representatives, not more than two (2) from the same political party, to be appointed by the
4 Speaker of the House; one (1) of whom shall be the Executive Director of the Rhode Island
5 Resource Recovery Corporation, or designee; one (1) of whom shall be the Director of the Rhode
6 Island Department of Environmental Management, or designee; one (1) of whom shall be the
7 Director of the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation, or designee; one (1) of whom
8 shall be the Executive Director of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns, or designee; one
9 (1) of whom shall be a representative of the American Plastic Council, to be appointed by the
10 Speaker of the House; two (2) of whom shall be members of the Electronic Industries Alliance, to
11 be appointed by the Speaker of House; one (1) of whom shall be a member of the National
12 Electric Manufacturers, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; and two (2) of whom shall
13 be public members of environmental advocacy organizations, to be appointed by the Speaker of
14 the House.

15 In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory
16 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a general assembly
17 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu
18 of a legislator, provided that the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader of the political party
19 which is entitled to the appointment consent to the appointment of the member of the general

1 public.

2 The purpose of said commission shall be to perform a comprehensive analysis of
3 products that contain cathode ray tubes (CRT) including:

- 4 • The distribution of these products among consumer groups, households, small
5 business and industry;
- 6 • The number of CRTs currently in existence and the number available for
7 collection and/or recycling;
- 8 • Recommend for incentives to expand in-state resources for collection and
9 recycling;
- 10 • Analyze the exposure and risk to health and the environment of various types and
11 sizes of CRTs in order to evaluate which CRTs should be included in the
12 collection and recycling program.
- 13 • Analyze the exposure and risk to health and the environment of the alternative
14 management practices for handling CRTs, including the current practice of
15 disposal in a solid waste landfill and/or incineration and the practice of
16 collection, recycling and final disposal;
- 17 • Identify other New England states that have passed laws to evaluate state needs
18 with regard to the issues of electronic recycling and work in collaboration with
19 them; and
- 20 • Conduct an economic study of the cost of collection and recycling cathode ray
21 tubes and recommend a plan for how these costs will be paid, including the
22 collection of orphan and historic waste.

23 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at
24 the call of the Speaker of the House and organize and shall select, from among the legislators, a
25 chairperson. Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original
26 appointment.

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

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

31 The Speaker of the House is hereby authorized and directed to provide suitable quarters
32 for said commission; and be it further

33 **RESOLVED**, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
34 House of Representatives no later than September 15, 2004 and said commission shall expire on

1 April 15, 2005.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
HOUSE RESOLUTION
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- 1 This resolution would create a thirteen (13) member special House commission, whose
2 purpose it shall be to develop a recommended plan for the collection and recycling of electronic
3 waste, and who would report back to the House of Representatives no later than September 15,
4 2004 and whose life would expire on April 15, 2005.

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