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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - AIR POLLUTION

Introduced By: Representatives Silva, and Serpa

Date Introduced: February 15, 2012

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-23 of the General Laws entitled "Air Pollution" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **23-23-30. Stage II vapor recovery systems.** – (a) For the purposes of this section, "stage
4 II vapor collection and control system" means a system which collects gasoline vapors displaced
5 from motor vehicle gasoline tanks during refueling and which routes the vapors to a stationary
6 storage tank.

7 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 23-23-5:

8 (1) A motor vehicle fuel dispensing facility shall be exempt from the department's stage
9 II system requirements if it begins operation after January 1, 2011; and

10 (2) A motor vehicle fuel dispensing facility shall be exempt from the department's stage
11 II system requirements if, upon department verification and approval, excavation of one or more
12 underground gasoline storage tanks is required in order to install or repair a below-ground
13 component of the stage II vapor collection and control system or the facility replaces fifty percent
14 (50%) or more of its gasoline dispensers after the effective date of this subsection.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would exempt gas stations with new gasoline dispensing equipment from the
- 2 department of health's "stage II system" requirements.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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