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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - AIR POLLUTION

Introduced By: Senator William A. Walaska

Date Introduced: April 28, 2011

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

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,
4 "stage II vapor collection and control system" means a system which collects gasoline vapors
5 displaced from motor vehicle gasoline tanks during refueling and which routes the vapors to a
6 stationary 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;

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 (3) The department shall not require that stage II vapor collection and control systems be
16 utilized in a motor vehicle fuel dispensing facility after January 1, 2012; and

17 (4) Within one year of January 1, 2012 or of becoming exempt from stage II system
18 requirements, whichever is earlier, a motor vehicle fuel dispensing facility must decommission its
19 stage II system in accordance with department requirements.

1 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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