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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - DRUG DISPOSAL

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, Perry, Miller, Nesselbush, and Pichardo

Date Introduced: March 01, 2012

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 21-31 of the General Laws entitled "Rhode Island Food, Drugs,
2 and Cosmetics Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **21-31-24. Drug disposal.** -- (a) Notwithstanding any provisions of the general or public
4 laws to the contrary, any city or town may authorize the use of its police department to display a
5 container suitable for use as a receptacle for used, expired, or unwanted drugs or drug products.
6 The receptacle shall only permit the deposit of items, and the contents shall be locked and
7 secured. The container shall be accessible to the public and shall have posted clearly legible
8 signage indicating that expired or unwanted drugs or drug products may be disposed of in the
9 receptacle.

10 (b) The used, expired, or unwanted drugs or drug products disposed of under this section
11 shall not include any controlled substance, as defined in section 21-28-2.08, except as permitted
12 under federal law.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would allow for the establishment of disposal containers for unused, expired or
- 2 unwanted drugs or drug products, except for controlled substances, at local police departments.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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