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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REFUSE DISPOSAL

Introduced By: Representatives Nardone, Quattrocchi, Roberts, and Chippendale

Date Introduced: February 27, 2019

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-18.9 of the General Laws entitled "Refuse Disposal" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **23-18.9-9.3. Location of waste management facilities.**

4 (a) The general assembly recognizes and declares that disposal of solid waste in or near  
5 residential neighborhoods is not an environmentally sound solid waste management practice, and  
6 that such disposal could threaten the public health with contamination of the environment.

7 (b) Solid waste landfill facilities and municipal waste management facilities shall be  
8 prohibited and shall not be located closer than one mile from any residential neighborhood in any  
9 city or town.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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