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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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SENATE RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
MANAGEMENT TO AID IN PROTECTING CONSUMERS OF PESTICIDES

Introduced By: Senators Euer, Sosnowski, Murray, Conley, and Lynch Prata

Date Introduced: February 27, 2020

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

1           WHEREAS, The Senate Special Legislative Commission to Study Pesticide Control  
2 Regulations issued a report on June 22, 2018, which recommended, among other things, that  
3 home users of pesticides must be educated about the dangers of pesticides and about the proper  
4 application of pesticides so as not to harm themselves, other people, pollinators and other  
5 animals; and

6           WHEREAS, Many Rhode Island homeowners routinely apply pesticides on their lawns,  
7 plants and gardens without appreciation of the inherent dangers and/or without reading the  
8 instructions; and

9           WHEREAS, In the United States, improper use and storage of pesticides causes hundreds  
10 of illnesses each year some of which lead to deaths; and

11           WHEREAS, It is essential to warn homeowners of the dangers of improper use of  
12 pesticides in as simple and effective method as possible in order to ensure that instructions are  
13 read and followed; now, therefore be it

14           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
15 hereby respectfully requests the Department of Environmental Management (DEM) produce an  
16 eye-catching notice or warning flier that will be prominently displayed where pesticides are sold  
17 or provided in order to protect consumers of pesticides. The warning or notice shall include, but  
18 not be limited to, informing consumers that the label on the pesticide should be read:

19           (1) Before buying the product;

1 (2) Before using the product;

2 (3) Before giving first aid to someone poisoned by the product;

3 (4) Before storing the product; and

4 (5) Before disposing of the product's container; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby requests DEM to report its findings and  
6 implementation plan to the Senate on or before December 1, 2020; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Janet L. Coit, Director, Rhode Island  
9 Department of Environmental Management.

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