STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AIR POLLUTION

Introduced By: Senators Zurier, Valverde, Euer, and Sosnowski
Date Introduced: February 08, 2022
Referred To: Senate Commerce

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

(a) Except as provided under subsection (c) of this section, effective July 1, 2023, no person shall sell or offer for sale a gasoline-powered leaf blower in the State of Rhode Island.
(b) Effective July 1, 2024, no person shall use a gasoline powered leaf blower in the State of Rhode Island.
(c) Any person who sells or causes to be sold, at retail or in a private sale, a gasoline-powered leaf blower in the State of Rhode Island on or after July 1, 2023, shall provide conspicuous notice to the consumer that the leaf blower shall not be used in the State of Rhode Island.
(d) A civil fine not to exceed five hundred dollars ($500), plus any applicable penalties and fees, may be imposed as a sanction for any infraction of this section reported to and verified by the department.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would prohibit the sale of gasoline-powered leaf blowers in this state after July 1, 2023 and prohibit their use in this state after July 1, 2024. Violations would be punished by a civil fine not to exceed five hundred dollars ($500).

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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