

## *2009 Legislative Session Environmental Laws & Resolutions*

Number & Sponsor	Topic	Description
<b>S-0050</b> (Felag)  <b>H-5061A</b> (Edwards)	<b>Site Remediation Penalty</b>	A civil penalty of not more than twenty-five thousand dollars (25,000) against any responsible party who fails to assess, remediate or take any action that may be required by the director of the department of environmental management under the Industrial Property Remediation and Reuse Act.
<b>S-352A</b> (Sosnowski)  <b>H-5690A</b> (Rice M)	<b>Asian Longhorn Beetle</b>	Establishes the Asian Longhorn Beetle as a nuisance. It also establishes a civil penalty not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for each offense, for any unlawful importation and transportation of said beetles.
<b>S-732Aaa</b> (Sosnowski)  <b>H-5828A</b> (Ferri)	<b>Water Conservation</b>	Amends various statutes in order to promote a more efficient use and conservation of the state water supply.
<b>S-378</b> (Sosnowski)  <b>H-5657A</b> (Ruggiero)	<b>Conservation and Preservation Easement - Real Estate Sales Disclosure</b>	Amends the real estate sales disclosure requirements to make specific reference to conservation and preservation easements and restrictions.
<b>S-381</b> (Maselli)  <b>H-6052</b> (Fellela)	<b>Out-of-State Waste</b>	Requires any commercial entity engaged in the business of collecting and disposing solid waste, and which deposits the waste at the central landfill, to certify in writing every thirty (30) days that such waste was not generated or collected outside the territorial limits of Rhode Island, setting forth the date and time of each deposit within said thirty (30) day period and would increase the fine for violation to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).
<b>S-485A</b> (Miller)  <b>H-5461A</b> (Segal)	<b>Net-Metering</b>	Allows for a check for credits to be issued on a monthly basis from the electric distribution company to the Rhode Island city or town, education institution, farm, or Narragansett Bay commission.

<b>S-232A</b> (DiPalma)	<b>The Green Buildings Act</b>	Requires all public buildings, including schools, to be constructed or renovated, to meet standards established by the United States Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design green building rating silver standard, or other equivalent green building design standards.
<b>S-261</b> (DiPalma)	<b>Conservation Easement - Federal State Tax Exclusion</b>	Allows any executor or administrator of an estate to donate a conservation easement on real estate to obtain the benefit of a federal state tax exclusion.
<b>H-5289</b> (Gallison)	<b>BUI-Alcohol Boating Safety</b>	Increases the penalties for persons under the age of twenty-one (21) who operate watercraft while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.
<b>S-493</b> (William A)	<b>Regulation of Boats</b>	Eliminates the requirement that Class 2 or 3 motorboats, as defined in the general laws, be provided with a bell.
<b>S-111</b> (Miller)	<b>Renewable Energy - Long Term Contracts</b>	Creates long-term contracting standards for the development of renewable energy.
<b>H-5002</b> (Fox)		
<b>S-351</b> (Sosnowski)	<b>Leaf Composting</b>	Requires that the Resource Recovery Corporation establish a municipal leaf and yard debris borrowing program that would allow municipalities to share portions of their unutilized cap tonnage with municipalities that are in excess of their cap tonnage.
<b>S-754Aaa</b> (Maselli)  <b>H-5686A</b> (San Bento)	<b>Tolling of existing approvals and permit extensions</b>	Addresses the expiration periods pertaining to any approval or permit issued pursuant to any state statute. It would apply only to approvals and permits in effect at the time of passage and would not revive any expired approval or permit.
<b>S-290B</b> (Blais)  <b>H-6318A</b> (Kilmartin)	<b>Small Business - Reducing Regulations</b>	Creates the small business regulatory fairness in administrative procedures chapter designed to reduce the burden of unfair regulations on small business.
<b>Senate Resolution S-385</b> (Sosnowski)	<b>Biosolids Study Commission</b>	Reinstates the life and extends the reporting date of the special senate commission to study the use of biosolids for fertilizer in Rhode Island from January 6, 2009 to July 1, 2009, and the commission would expire on September 1, 2009.

<p><b>House Resolution H-6053A</b> (Kilmartin)</p>	<p><b>Waste-to-Energy Study Commission</b></p>	<p>Creates an eight (8) member special legislative study commission whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study on facilitating the creation of a waste-to-energy facility, and who would report back to the General Assembly no later than March 30, 2010, and whose life would expire on June 30, 2010.</p>
<p><b>Joint Resolution S-854</b> (Sosnowski)</p> <p><b>H-5616</b> (Walsh)</p>	<p><b>Waste Disposal - Product Stewardship</b></p>	<p>The Department of Environmental Management is to develop recommendations for establishing a comprehensive product stewardship approach to reducing environmental and health risks posed by the use or disposal of products.</p> <p>The findings will need to be reported to the chairman of the House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and the chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture on or before January 14, 2010.</p>



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