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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - DOGS AND VICIOUS DOGS

Introduced By: Representatives Palangio, Williams, Palumbo, Lima, and DeSimone

Date Introduced: February 27, 2013

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 4-13 of the General Laws entitled "Dogs" is hereby amended by
2 adding thereto the following section:

3 **4-13-43. Prohibition of breed specific regulation.** -- [No city or town may enact any](#)
4 [rule, regulation or ordinance specific to any breed of dog, cat or other animal in the exercise of its](#)
5 [power to further control and regulate dogs, cats or other animals as authorized by this chapter.](#)

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 4-13.1 of the General Laws entitled "Regulation of Vicious Dogs"
7 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

8 **4-13.1-16. Prohibition of breed specific regulation.** -- [No city or town may enact any](#)
9 [rule, regulation or ordinance specific to any breed of dog, cat or other animal in the exercise of its](#)
10 [power to further control and regulate dogs, cats or other animals as authorized by this chapter.](#)

11 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would prevent cities and towns from enacting any regulation or ordinance
- 2 specific to any particular breed of dog, cat or other animal.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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