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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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A N A C T

RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- PSITTACINE BIRDS

Introduced By: Representatives Petrarca, and Winfield

Date Introduced: January 17, 2012

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Sections 4-11-4 and 4-11-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 4-11 entitled  
2 "Psittacine Birds" are hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **4-11-4. Banding of birds imported, sold, or given.** -- All psittacine birds imported,  
4 purchased, sold, exchanged, bartered, or given away must be closed metal seamless banded with a  
5 band identifying the breeder by whom they were bred. [A microchip may be used in lieu of an](#)  
6 [identifying band.](#)

7           **4-11-7. ~~Destruction of birds exposed to psittacosis~~ Treatment of birds exposed to**  
8 **psittacosis.** -- If laboratory examination ~~shows the presence of psittacosis virus, the remaining~~  
9 ~~birds shall be killed and burned by the owner or other person in charge of those birds immediately~~  
10 ~~on notification of that finding.~~ [confirms infection with the agent that causes psittacosis, the](#)  
11 [remaining birds shall be humanely euthanized or treated according to the most current,](#)  
12 [“Compendium Of Measures To Control Chlamydophila Psittaci Infection Among Humans](#)  
13 [\(Psittacosis\) And Pet Birds \(Avian Chlamydiosis\),” as reviewed by the National Association of](#)  
14 [State Public Health Veterinarians, \(NASPHV\). The director, or the director’s designee, shall](#)  
15 [oversee such treatment which shall be administered at the bird owner’s expense.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would permit birds exposed to psittacosis to be treated rather than destroyed. In
- 2           addition, it would permit microchip identification by the breeder by whom they were bred.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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