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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- LIVESTOCK WELFARE AND
CARE STANDARDS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Introduced By: Representatives Chippendale, Marszalkowski, Bennett, Casey, and Hull

Date Introduced: January 18, 2018

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 4-26-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 4-26 entitled "The Rhode
2 Island Livestock Welfare and Care Standards Advisory Council Act of 2012" is hereby amended
3 to read as follows:

4 **4-26-5. Duties of the council.**

5 The council shall support and work collaboratively with the department as follows:

- 6 (1) Review and evaluate laws and rules of the state applicable to the care and handling of
7 livestock as defined in subdivision 4-26-3(6) including, but not limited to:
- 8 (i) The overall health and welfare of livestock species;
 - 9 (ii) Agricultural operation best management practices;
 - 10 (iii) Biosecurity and disease prevention;
 - 11 (iv) Humane transport and slaughter practices; and
 - 12 (v) Any other matters the council considers necessary for the proper care and well being
13 of livestock animals in the state.
- 14 (2) Respond to requests from the legislature for information and comments on proposed
15 legislation;
- 16 (3) Issue recommendations necessary to achieve these goals;
- 17 (4) Submit policy recommendations to the director and general assembly on any of the
18 subject matter set forth under subdivision (ii) of this subsection;

1 (5)(i) Conduct public hearings on any bill introduced in the general assembly prior to its
2 passage provided the bill involves the safety, health and humane environment of livestock; and
3 (ii) Present its recommendations to the general assembly explaining the reasons for its
4 recommendations at all hearings held with regard to the legislation conducted by any committee
5 of the general assembly.

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

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1 This act would require the livestock welfare and care standards advisory council to
2 conduct public hearings on legislation involving the safety, health and humane environment of
3 livestock and present its recommendation at any hearings conducted on the legislation by any
4 committee of the general assembly.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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