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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT -- PETS

Introduced By: Representatives Trillo, Costa, Morgan, and Lima

Date Introduced: February 15, 2012

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 42-17.1-45 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-17.1 entitled  
2 "Department of Environmental Management" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **42-17.1-45. No prohibition on pets.** -- (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter  
4 to the contrary, the department shall not promulgate or enforce any rule or regulation that would  
5 prohibit a pet dog or cat from accompanying its owner or caretaker at any state owned  
6 campground.

7           (b) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the department shall not  
8 promulgate or enforce any rule or regulation that would prohibit domesticated animals or birds  
9 weighing less than thirty-five pounds (35 lbs) from accompanying its owner or caretaker at any  
10 state-owned campground.

11           ~~(b)~~ (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, nothing in this  
12 section shall be deemed to allow pets within any state beach facility that includes a bathing beach  
13 licensed by the department of health pursuant to chapter 21 of title 23, unless the bathing beach  
14 portion of the facility is sufficiently isolated from other public areas within the facility.

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

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- 1           This act would allow domesticated animals or birds weighing less than thirty-five pounds
- 2   (35 lbs.) to accompany their owners at state-owned campgrounds.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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