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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- SALE OR ADOPTION OF
SPAYED OR NEUTERED CATS

Introduced By: Representative Patricia A. Serpa

Date Introduced: March 28, 2012

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 4-24-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 4-24 entitled "Permit
2 Program for Cats" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **4-24-5. Sale or adoption of cats.** -- (a) Any person or licensed business who provides or
4 offers to the public, whether or not for compensation, any pet or pet related goods, where they are
5 the primary products, or pet services shall provide to their clients, at no charge, information
6 relating to pet care and ownership, including information on city and town laws pertaining to
7 animal control.

8 (b) Any person offering cats for sale or adoption shall disclose to any purchaser or
9 adoptive owner, information regarding the licensing or permit requirements of the city or town in
10 which they reside applicable to the animal.

11 (c) No licensed releasing agency, as defined in subdivision 4-19-2(16), shall sell,
12 otherwise convey, or offer for adoption any cat which has not been spayed or neutered, unless the
13 animal is being specifically offered for breeding purposes. Alternatively, the prospective owner
14 shall be allowed to present proof that the cat's spay/neuter procedure fee has been prepaid. A fine
15 of three hundred dollars (\$300) shall be imposed on any licensed releasing agency, as defined in
16 subdivision 4-19-2(16), violating this section with all the fines to be forwarded to the state
17 department of environmental management and not the general fund.

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

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1 This act would impose a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300) to be paid to the state
2 department of environmental management on any licensed releasing agency offering unspayed or
3 unneutered cats for sale or adoption.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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