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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

SENATE RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND ADOPT A
MANDATORY CHILD ABUSE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ANIMAL ABUSE CROSS
REPORTING SYSTEM

Introduced By: Senators Morgan, Paolino, Kettle, Lynch Prata, and Coyne

Date Introduced: February 15, 2018

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

1 WHEREAS, The District of Columbia, Illinois, Connecticut, Virginia, West Virginia,
2 Ohio, and Maine have fully mandated two-way cross reporting, in which animal/welfare
3 personnel must report to each other; and

4 WHEREAS, There is a well-documented link between animal abusers and those who
5 commit other acts of violence, especially of domestic violence and child abuse; and

6 WHEREAS, Animal control and humane officers that have first-hand knowledge of
7 animal abuse may also have knowledge of domestic violence and child abuse; and

8 WHEREAS, The Department of Children, Youth and Families has first-hand knowledge
9 of domestic violence and may also have knowledge of animal abuse; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby respectfully requests that all child
11 protection/domestic violence case workers report suspected animal abuse to animal
12 control/humane officer agencies; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby respectfully requests that all animal control and
14 humane officers must report suspected child abuse and/or domestic violence to Child
15 Protection/Domestic Violence agencies; and be it further

- 1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
- 2 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island Grange Legislative Director.

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