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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL ABUSE OFFENDERS

Introduced By: Representatives E Coderre, Bennett, Naughton, and Flaherty

Date Introduced: March 02, 2011

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 4-1 of the General Laws entitled "Cruelty to Animals" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **4-1-40. Possession of animals.** – (a) In addition to any other penalty imposed by law, a  
4 person convicted of any misdemeanor violation under the provisions of this chapter shall not  
5 possess or reside with any animal for a period five (5) years following entry of the conviction.  
6 Any offense under this subsection is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding one  
7 thousand dollars (\$1,000) and forfeiture of the animal(s).

8           (b) In addition to any other penalty imposed by law, a person convicted of any felony  
9 violation under the provisions of this chapter shall not possess or reside with any animal for a  
10 period of fifteen (15) years following entry of the conviction. An offense under this subsection is  
11 a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and forfeiture of  
12 the animal(s).

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would prohibit persons convicted of animal cruelty from possessing or residing  
2 with animals.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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