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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - REGULATION OF VICIOUS  
DOGS

Introduced By: Representatives Bennett, Shekarchi, Ferri, McNamara, and Messier

Date Introduced: January 23, 2014

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 4-13-43 of the General Laws in Chapter 4-13 entitled "Dogs" is  
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **4-13-43. Prohibition of breed specific regulation.** -- No city or town may enact any  
4 rule, regulation or ordinance specific to any breed of dog or cat in the exercise of its power to  
5 further control and regulate dogs, cats or other animals as authorized by this chapter, except in  
6 those instances where the rule, regulation or ordinance pertains to spaying or neutering.

7 SECTION 2. Section 4-13.1-16 of the General Laws in Chapter 4-13.1 entitled  
8 "Regulation of Vicious Dogs" is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 **4-13.1-16. Prohibition of breed specific regulation.** -- No city or town may enact any  
10 rule, regulation or ordinance specific to any breed of dog or cat in the exercise of its power to  
11 further control and regulate dogs, cats or other animals as authorized by this chapter, except in  
12 those instances where the rule, regulation or ordinance pertains to spaying or neutering.

13 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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- 1           This act would provide that breed specific municipal laws be limited to spaying or
- 2   neutering.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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