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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 - ANIMAL DISEASES IN  
GENERAL

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Costantino, Ackerman, Ruggiero, and Serpa

Date Introduced: February 13, 2014

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

(Environmental Management)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

3 ~~4-4-1. Appointment of commissioners to inspect diseased animals -- Quarantine --~~  
4 ~~Veterinarians. -- Appointment of inspectors to inspect diseased animals -- Quarantine --~~  
5 Veterinarians. -- The director of environmental management may appoint one or more  
6 ~~commissioners~~ inspectors in ~~each county of~~ the state, whose duty it is to visit and inquire into the  
7 condition of any domestic animal in ~~their respective counties~~ the state whenever there is reason  
8 to suspect that any domestic animal, ~~or~~ the carcass of any domestic animal or tissues or products,  
9 is affected with tuberculosis, or other contagious, infectious, or communicable disease; and the  
10 ~~commissioners in their counties~~ inspectors are authorized to quarantine any diseased domestic  
11 animal, ~~or~~ the carcass of any diseased domestic animal, or restrict the movement of any tissues or  
12 products produced by any domestic animal until such quarantine or movement restriction is  
13 released ~~inspected~~ by ~~the~~ a veterinarian employed by the director. The director may also employ  
14 from time to time any number of veterinary surgeons that he or she may find necessary to carry  
15 out the purposes of this chapter.

16 SECTION 2. Chapter 4-4 of the General Laws entitled "Animal Diseases in General" is  
17 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

18 4-4-1.1. Animals defined. -- This chapter shall apply to all domestic animals defined in §

1 [4-13.1-2\(2\) and any animal that the director of the department of environmental management has](#)  
2 [waived from the permit requirement, in accordance with § 4-18-3.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would allow the director of environmental management to appoint one or more  
2 inspectors in the state rather than a commissioner in each county to inquire into the condition of  
3 any domestic animal. It would be the duty of the inspector to visit and inquire into the condition  
4 of any domestic animal where there is any suspicion of infection or tuberculosis or other  
5 contagious or communicable disease either to that animal or carcass of that animal or to the  
6 tissues or products of that animal. This act would also authorize the inspector to restrict the  
7 movement of any tissue or product produced by any domestic animal.

8           This act would take effect upon passage.

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