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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

Introduced By: Representatives Trillo, Costa, and Lima

Date Introduced: May 05, 2016

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 4-19 of the General Laws entitled "Animal Care" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **4-19-5.1. Animal confinement in pet store sales display window prohibited.** – No pet
4 shop owner shall confine any animal in a sales display window in a manner that places the animal
5 in direct sunlight without providing some form of cover or shade for the animal such as an
6 awning. A violation of this section shall be considered a mistreatment of an animal and be subject
7 to the penalties set forth in §4-19-11.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would prohibit any pet shop owner from confining any animal in a sales display
2 window in a manner that places the animal in direct sunlight, without providing some form of
3 cover or shade. Engaging in such an act would be a mistreatment of an animal and be subject to
4 the penalties provided for in §4-19-11, the text of which is set forth below:

5 "Failure of any person licensed or registered to adequately house, feed and water animals
6 in his or her possession or custody shall constitute a misdemeanor, and upon conviction the
7 person shall be subject to a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) per animal. Those
8 animals shall be subject to seizure and impoundment and upon conviction of the person may be
9 sold or euthanized at the discretion of the director and that failure shall also constitute grounds for
10 revocation of license or registration after a public hearing."

11 This act would take effect upon passage.

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