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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: Senators Perry, Tassoni, Sosnowski, DeVall, and Miller

Date Introduced: January 27, 2011

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

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 an 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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