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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- SALE OR ADOPTION OF
SPAYED OR NEUTERED CATS

Introduced By: Senators DeVall, Crowley, and Tassoni

Date Introduced: February 11, 2010

Referred To: Senate Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 4-24-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 4-24 entitled "Permit
2 Program for Cats" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **4-24-5. Sale or adoption of cats.** -- (a) Any person or licensed business who provides or
4 offers to the public, whether or not for compensation, any pet or pet related goods, where they are
5 the primary products, or pet services shall provide to their clients, at no charge, information
6 relating to pet care and ownership, including information on city and town laws pertaining to
7 animal control.

8 (b) Any person offering cats for sale or adoption shall disclose to any purchaser or
9 adoptive owner, information regarding the licensing or permit requirements of the city or town in
10 which they reside applicable to the animal.

11 (c) No person, firm, or corporation shall sell, otherwise convey, or offer for adoption any
12 cat which has not been spayed or neutered, unless the animal is being specifically offered for
13 breeding purposes. A fine of three hundred dollars (\$300) shall be imposed on any person, firm,
14 or corporation violating this section.

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

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- 1 This act would impose a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300) on any entity offering
- 2 unspayed or non-neutered cats for sale or adoption.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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