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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 CARE

Introduced By: Senators Archambault, Ciccone, Lombardi, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: March 06, 2014

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

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 **4-19-22. Disposition conditions.** – In addition to any other applicable law regarding the
4 disposition of animals, animal shelters shall meet the following conditions before euthanizing an
5 animal pursuant to this chapter:

6 (1) The holding period for the animal has expired; and

7 (2) There are no empty cages, kennels or other living environments in the shelter suitable
8 for the animal; and

9 (3) A foster home is not available through another municipal or private animal shelter or
10 Rhode Island incorporated animal organization; and

11 (4) Another municipal or private animal shelter or Rhode Island incorporated animal
12 organization is unwilling to accept the animal; and

13 (5) The animal care or control manager of the animal shelter has certified that the above
14 conditions have been met and that he/she has no other reasonable alternative.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require that animal shelters meet certain specified conditions prior to
2 euthanizing an animal.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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