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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- BREED-SPECIFIC
REGULATION

Introduced By: Representatives Barros, Tobon, Abney, Coughlin, and Johnston

Date Introduced: March 05, 2015

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 4-13-43 of the General Laws in Chapter 4-13 entitled "Dogs" is
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **4-13-43. Prohibition of breed specific regulation.** – (a) No city or town may enact any
4 rule, regulation or ordinance specific to any breed of dog or cat in the exercise of its power to
5 further control and regulate dogs, cats or other animals as authorized by this chapter.

6 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, any rule, regulation
7 or ordinance specific to any breed of dog or cat enacted in any city or town prior to July 15, 2013,
8 shall remain in full force and effect until repealed by the appropriate officials of the city or town.

9 SECTION 2. Section 4-13.1-16 of the General Laws in Chapter 4-13.1 entitled
10 "Regulation of Vicious Dogs" is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 **4-13.1-16. Prohibition of breed specific regulation.** – (a) No city or town may enact
12 any rule, regulation or ordinance specific to any breed of dog or cat in the exercise of its power to
13 further control and regulate dogs, cats or other animals as authorized by this chapter.

14 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, any rule, regulation
15 or ordinance specific to any breed of dog or cat enacted in any city or town prior to July 15, 2013,
16 shall remain in full force and effect until repealed by the appropriate officials of the city or town.

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SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would make all municipal breed-specific animal regulating ordinances enacted
2 before July 15, 2013, binding and enforceable until repealed by the appropriate officials of the
3 city or town.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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