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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- PSITTACINE BIRDS

Introduced By: Senators Tassoni, Lynch, and Doyle

Date Introduced: January 11, 2012

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Sections 4-11-4 and 4-11-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 4-11 entitled
2 "Psittacine Birds" are hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **4-11-4. Banding of birds imported, sold, or given.** -- All psittacine birds imported,
4 purchased, sold, exchanged, bartered, or given away must be closed metal seamless banded with a
5 band identifying the breeder by whom they were bred. [A microchip may be used in lieu of an](#)
6 [identifying band.](#)

7 **4-11-7. ~~Destruction of birds exposed to psittacosis~~ Treatment of birds exposed to**
8 **psittacosis.** -- If laboratory examination ~~shows the presence of psittacosis virus, the remaining~~
9 ~~birds shall be killed and burned by the owner or other person in charge of those birds immediately~~
10 ~~on notification of that finding.~~ [confirms infection with the agent that causes psittacosis, the](#)
11 [remaining birds shall be humanely euthanized or treated according to the most current,](#)
12 ["Compendium Of Measures To Control Chlamydophila Psittaci Infection Among Humans](#)
13 [\(Psittacosis\) And Pet Birds \(Avian Chlamydiosis\)," as reviewed by the National Association of](#)
14 [State Public Health Veterinarians, \(NASPHV\). The director, or the director's designee, shall](#)
15 [oversee such treatment which shall be administered at the bird owner's expense.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would permit birds exposed to psittacosis to be treated rather than destroyed. In
- 2 addition, it would permit microchip identification of the breeder by whom they were bred.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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