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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

#### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013**

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#### AN ACT

#### RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, Felag, DiPalma, Lombardi, and McCaffrey

Date Introduced: January 16, 2013

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4-1-3.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 4-1 entitled "Cruelty to

2 Animals" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 4-1-3.1. Prohibited practices in destruction of animals. -- It is unlawful for any

veterinarian or owner, as defined in section 4-1-1, or any agent of a veterinarian or owner, or any

other person to destroy any animal by the use of a high altitude decompression chamber. When

carbon monoxide is used as a euthanizing agent, only one animal is placed in the chamber or any

7 <u>chamber or container designed to utilize carbon monoxide (CO) gas and/or any other gas harmful</u>

8 <u>to the animal</u>. Violation of this section is punishable by a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500).

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

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### **EXPLANATION**

### BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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- 1 This act would prohibit the use of gas chambers for the destruction of any animal.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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