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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE

Introduced By: Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date Introduced: April 30, 2014

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 20-1-18 of the General Laws in Chapter 20-1 entitled "General
2 Provisions" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **20-1-18. Collector's permits.** -- Notwithstanding any other restriction or prohibition set
4 forth in this title [or in §§ 11-47-20 and 11-47-51](#), the director is authorized to issue special
5 permits for the taking, handling, and/or possession of any species of wild animal, of any size, age,
6 and numbers as may be appropriate ~~to persons~~ for the purpose of [study or management of wildlife](#)
7 [populations](#), carrying out scientific experiments and cultivation projects for which the director has
8 responsibility. The director may require an applicant to provide any information that the director
9 deems necessary to ascertain that ~~the person is involved~~ [there is scientific or ecological value](#) in a
10 bona fide experiment or project [request](#). Failure to abide by the provisions of any permit or failure
11 to report any information required by the director shall be cause for suspension or revocation of
12 the permit.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide that notwithstanding the prohibition on the sale or possession of
2 silencers for a firearm or the prohibition on loaded weapons in vehicles, the director of the
3 department of environmental management would be authorized to issue special permits for the
4 taking, handling and/or possession of any species of wild animals for the study, scientific and
5 ecological values of wildlife populations.

6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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