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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

#### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015**

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### AN ACT

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

<u>Introduced By:</u> Representatives Palangio, Serpa, Winfield, Regunberg, and Lima

<u>Date Introduced:</u> February 26, 2015

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 4-1 of the General Laws entitled "Cruelty to Animals" is hereby
- 2 amended by adding thereto the following section:
- 3 <u>4-1-43. Care of domesticated animals.</u> No city or town shall enact any rule,
- 4 regulation, or ordinance that would prohibit any individual or organization from providing food
- 5 <u>or shelter to any domesticated animal.</u>
- 6 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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# EXPLANATION

### BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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This act would prohibit a city or town from enacting any rule, regulation, or ordinance restricting an individual or organization from providing food or shelter to a domesticated animal.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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