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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT - PETS

Introduced By: Representatives Trillo, Shekarchi, Costa, Chippendale, and Giarrusso

Date Introduced: April 16, 2015

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-17.1-45 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-17.1 entitled
2 "Department of Environmental Management" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **42-17.1-45. No prohibition on pets.** -- (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter
4 to the contrary, the department shall not promulgate or enforce any rule or regulation that would
5 prohibit a pet dog or cat from accompanying its owner or caretaker at any state owned
6 campground.

7 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter or any of the applicable provisions of
8 chapters 1, 4, and 11 of title 4 to the contrary, the department shall not prohibit any domesticated
9 psittacine birds as defined in § 4-11-1 from accompanying its owner or caretaker at any state-
10 owned campground, provided that there are no greater than two (2) domesticated psittacine birds
11 per camp site and the domesticated psittacine birds are confined at all times in a recreational
12 vehicle or camper occupying a campsite.

13 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, nothing in this section
14 shall prohibit a department of environmental management employee from deeming a pet a
15 nuisance and requiring its owner or caretaker to remove it from any state-owned campground.

16 ~~(b)~~(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, nothing in this
17 section shall be deemed to allow pets within any state beach facility that includes a bathing beach
18 licensed by the department of health pursuant to chapter 21 of title 23, unless the bathing beach

1 portion of the facility is sufficiently isolated from other public areas within the facility.

2 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 allow domesticated birds, small turtles, gerbils, and goldfish to
- 2 accompany their owners at state-owned campgrounds.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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