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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Introduced By: Representatives Serpa, Ackerman, Fellela, Tobon, and Lima

Date Introduced: February 26, 2016

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 4-1-24 of the General Laws in Chapter 4-1 entitled "Cruelty to  
2 Animals" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **4-1-24. Jurisdiction of offenses -- Appeals.** – (a) The district court has concurrent  
4 jurisdiction with the superior court, over all offenses under this chapter and to the full extent of  
5 the penalties specified. Parties defendant, however, have the same right to appeal from the  
6 sentence of a district court as is now provided by law in other criminal cases.

7           (b) The director of the department of environmental management is hereby authorized to  
8 promulgate, adopt, and enforce any and all rules and regulations deemed necessary to carry out  
9 the duties and responsibilities under this chapter.

10           (c) In addition to the above judicial penalties, the director of the department of  
11 environmental management may institute administrative proceedings alleging the violation of any  
12 rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to this chapter before the administrative adjudication  
13 division pursuant to chapters 17.6 and 17.7 of title 42 consistent with the provisions of chapter 35  
14 of title 42 ("administrative procedures act").

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would authorize the director of the department of environmental management to  
2 promulgate rules and regulations to permit the administrative enforcement of regulations  
3 pertaining to cruelty to animals.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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