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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

Introduced By: Representatives Shanley, Cunha, Coughlin, Tobon, and Barros

Date Introduced: February 15, 2017

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 20-18-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 20-18 entitled "Wildlife  
2 Management Areas" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **20-18-3. Hunting on public lands.**

4 It is unlawful for any person to hunt, trap, pursue, take, or kill, or attempt so to do, or in  
5 any manner molest or destroy any wild birds, or the nests or eggs of wild birds, or any wild  
6 animal, within the exterior boundaries of any state management area, or park, or land held by any  
7 entity in trust for public use, except that the authorities or persons having the control and charge  
8 of the lands may in their discretion, with limitations they may deem advisable, and consistent  
9 with the laws and rules and regulations of the state relating to seasons, bag and size limits, and  
10 manner of taking, authorize persons to hunt, take, or kill within the boundaries any wild birds or  
11 animals which are not now protected by law. Authorization is given by written permit, and the  
12 permit is revocable at the pleasure of the authorities or persons granting it. The provisions of this  
13 section may be enforced by the officials and persons having charge of these lands, and by ~~park~~  
14 ~~police and conservation officers~~ environmental police officers of the department of environmental  
15 management.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would replace language referencing DEM park police and conservation police  
2 with environmental police officers.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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