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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- PETS--CUSTODY

Introduced By: Representatives Lima, Coughlin, Solomon, O'Brien, and Fellela

Date Introduced: February 16, 2017

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 15-5 of the General Laws entitled "Divorce and Separation" is
- 2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
- 3 **15-5-30. Custody of pets.**
- 4 [In awarding possession of a domestic animal in a divorce or separation proceeding, the](#)
- 5 [court shall consider the best interest of the animal.](#)
- 6 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would require the best interest of a domestic animal to be considered in awarding
- 2 possession to a party to the action.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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