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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - ANIMAL CARE

Introduced By: Representatives Fellela, Serpa, Messier, Dickinson, and Ucci

Date Introduced: January 23, 2014

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 4-19 of the General Laws entitled "Animal Care" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **4-19-22. Disposition conditions.** – In addition to any other applicable law regarding the  
4 disposition of animals, animal shelters shall meet the following conditions before euthanizing an  
5 animal pursuant to this chapter:

6 (1) The holding period for the animal has expired; and

7 (2) There are no empty cages, kennels or other living environments in the shelter suitable  
8 for the animal; and

9 (3) A foster home is not available through another municipal or private animal shelter or  
10 Rhode Island incorporated animal organization; and

11 (4) Another municipal or private animal shelter or Rhode Island incorporated animal  
12 organization is unwilling to accept the animal; and

13 (5) The animal care or control manager of the animal shelter has certified that the above  
14 conditions have been met and that he/she has no other reasonable alternative.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require that animal shelters meet certain specified conditions prior to  
2 euthanizing an animal.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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