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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE REQUIREMENTS
FOR THE SPAYING AND NEUTERING OF DOGS**

Introduced By: Representatives Palangio, Tanzi, Cimini, Ajello, and Winfield

Date Introduced: June 20, 2014

Referred To: House read and passed

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of eleven (11) members: three (3) of whom shall be members of the Rhode Island
3 House of Representatives, not more than two (2) from the same political party, to be appointed by
4 the Speaker of the House; one of whom shall be a member of the Rhode Island Branch of the
5 American Rare Breed Association, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; two (2) of whom
6 shall be members of the American Kennel Club, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; one
7 of whom shall be the Director of the Defenders of Animals, or designee; two (2) of whom shall
8 be Rhode Island Animal Control Officers, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; one of
9 whom shall be the President of the Humane Association of Northwestern Rhode Island, Inc., or
10 designee; and one of whom shall be a member of the Providence Animal Care & Control Center
11 (PACCS), to be appointed by the Speaker of the House.

12 In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory
13 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly
14 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu
15 of a legislator, provided that the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader of the political party
16 which is entitled to the appointment, consents to the member of the general public.

17 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study of the
18 requirements for spaying, neutering, and an "intact" permitting process for dogs.

19 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at

1 the call of the Speaker of the House and organize and shall select a chairperson.

2 Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

3 The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

4 All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,
5 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or
6 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

7 The Speaker of the House is hereby authorized and directed to provide suitable quarters
8 for said commission; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
10 House of Representatives no later than February 3, 2015, and said commission shall expire on
11 May 3, 2015.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
HOUSE RESOLUTION
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- 1 This resolution would create an eleven (11) member special legislative study commission
- 2 whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of the requirements for spaying,
- 3 neutering, and an "intact" permitting process for dogs, and who would report back to the House
- 4 no later than February 3, 2015, and whose life would expire on May 3, 2015.

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