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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ABANDONMENT OF CATS

Introduced By: Senator Christopher S. Ottiano

Date Introduced: February 12, 2015

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 4-24-8 of the General Laws in Chapter 4-24 entitled "Permit
2 Program for Cats" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **4-24-8. Abandonment of cats.** -- If any cat is abandoned by their owner or any person
4 having charge or custody of that cat, that person shall, for each offense be punished in the manner
5 provided in § 4-1-2. [This section shall not apply to "licensed releasing agencies" as defined in §](#)
6 [4-19-2\(17\).](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would exempt "licensed releasing agencies" from the offense of abandoning cats.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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