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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - ABANDONMENT OF CATS

Introduced By: Representatives Edwards, and Canario

Date Introduced: January 13, 2016

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

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 a "licensed releasing agency" as defined in §4-](#)  
6 [19-2\(17\).](#)

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would exempt a "licensed releasing agency" from the offense of abandoning  
2 cats.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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