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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES
AND MISAPPROPRIATIONS--STEALING OF ANIMALS

Introduced By: Representatives Ucci, Winfield, Fellela, Corvese, and Lima

Date Introduced: January 12, 2018

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-41-8 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-41 entitled "Theft,
2 Embezzlement, False Pretenses, and Misappropriation" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-41-8. Stealing of animals.**

4 (a) Every person who shall steal or attempt to steal any horse, pet or other domestic
5 animal shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than ~~one year~~ five (5) years or by a fine
6 of not more than ~~five hundred dollars (\$500)~~ five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or both; in case a
7 fine is imposed, one-half (1/2) shall inure to the use of the complainant.

8 (b) For the purpose of this section, "pet" shall have the same meaning as defined in § 4-
9 13-1.2.

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

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1 This act would increase the penalties for stealing a pet or other domestic animal to a
2 maximum of not more than five (5) years imprisonment or a fine of five thousand dollars
3 (\$5,000), or both.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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