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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- DEER HUNTING

Introduced By: Senators Tikoian, DiMario, Rogers, LaMountain, Britto, Felag, and  
Raptakis

Date Introduced: March 22, 2024

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 20-15-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 20-15 entitled "Deer  
2     Hunting" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **20-15-7. ~~Deer colliding with vehicles~~ Wildlife colliding with vehicles.**

4           The owner of any vehicle that has been substantially damaged by collision with ~~a deer~~  
5     wildlife shall, within twenty-four (24) hours after the collision, report the accident to ~~a conservation~~  
6     ~~officer. The officer shall investigate, and if he or she finds the damage has been done as alleged,~~  
7     ~~the officer shall give a certificate to the person entitling the person to ownership of the deer carcass~~  
8     ~~to be possessed and consumed only with the immediate family of the owner of the vehicle~~ the  
9     department of environmental management. The department shall promulgate rules and regulations  
10    governing possession and use of the animal carcass.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would modify reporting requirements regarding collisions between vehicles and  
2 wildlife in instances where the vehicle has been substantially damaged. It would also direct the  
3 department of environmental management to promulgate rules and regulations governing  
4 possession and use of an animal carcass involved in such a collision.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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