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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- FIELD TRIALS AND SHOOTING PRESERVES

Introduced By: Representatives Slater, Diaz, and Bennett

Date Introduced: February 26, 2020

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 20-19 of the General Laws entitled "Field Trials and Shooting
2 Preserves" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **20-19-5. Captive hunting prohibited.**

4 (a) As used in this section, the term "captive hunting" refers to a hunt that occurs within a
5 structure designed to restrict the free movement of animals created by the use of fences, manmade
6 structures and/or natural barriers, including, but not limited to, private lands set up as hunting or
7 shooting preserves or game ranches, wherein the animal is restricted from escaping or fleeing
8 from the confined area during the hunt.

9 (b) No species of animal whether domestic or wild, whether exotic to the state or
10 naturally occurring in the state may be imported into the state or released on any property within
11 the state for purposes of conducting captive hunting.

12 (c) No native or domestic species of the state shall be intentionally or unintentionally
13 captured or restricted of free movement by the use of fences, manmade structures and/or natural
14 barriers for the purpose of conducting captive hunting.

15 (d) The term captive hunting shall not apply to the release of upland game birds on public
16 property, or on private property properly licensed by the department as a shooting preserve, for
17 the purpose of hunting.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would define captive hunting as a hunt that occurs within a structure designed to
2 restrict the free movement of animals and prevents the animal from escaping and would prohibit
3 captive hunting within the state of Rhode Island.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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