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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

Introduced By: Senators Tassoni, DeVall, and Crowley

Date Introduced: January 27, 2011

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 4-19 of the General Laws entitled "Animal Care" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **4-19-22. Training and certification of employees at animal shelters.** – (a) Any person
4 hired at any level at any animal shelter in the state subsequent to January 1, 2012, shall receive
5 certified training as set forth in subsection (b).

6 (b) All persons described in subsection (a) shall be required to complete a certified
7 training program, preferably as administered by the National Animal Control Association
8 (hereinafter referred to as "NACA") 100 Level I Training Academy. The level I and level II
9 training academy offered by the NACA must include: all aspects of animal handling, disease
10 direction, report writing, constitutional law, and professionalism. Upon completion of level I
11 training and hiring the employee shall progressively obtain level II and level III training in order
12 to maintain his/her employment.

13 (c) It shall also be required of each currently-employed person to obtain the level I
14 academy training and to likewise progressively obtain level II and level III academy training as
15 offered by the National Animal Control Association on or before January 1, 2016.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require any person hired at an animal shelter, whether it be as a new
2 employee or current employee, subsequent to January 1, 2012, to achieve a certain level of
3 training offered by the National Animal Control Association in order to be hired or to maintain
4 employment.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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