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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - ANIMAL CARE

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, Ciccone, Seveney, and McCaffrey

Date Introduced: March 04, 2021

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 amended
2 by adding thereto the following section:

3 **4-19-23. Pets for veterans.**

4 (a) A public animal shelter shall not charge an adoption fee for a dog or cat if the person
5 adopting the dog or cat presents to the public animal shelter a current and valid driver's license or
6 identification card with the word "veteran" printed on its face pursuant to § 31-10-48.

7 (b) A public animal shelter may limit the number of dogs or cats adopted from that public
8 animal shelter pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to one dog or cat during a period of every
9 six (6) months.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would waive the adoption fee to adopt a dog or cat from a public animal shelter
2 for a veteran that presents a current and valid driver's license or identification card with the word
3 "veteran" printed on its face.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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