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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 -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Introduced By: Representatives Fellela, Serpa, Fenton-Fung, Messier, and C Lima

Date Introduced: February 24, 2021

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 4-1 of the General Laws entitled "Cruelty to Animals" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **4-1-44. Tethering of an unattended dog.**

4 (a) Any person who shall allow a dog to be tethered outside and unattended in temperatures
5 of thirty-two degrees Fahrenheit (32°F) or below, or ninety degrees Fahrenheit (90°F) or above, for
6 a period of thirty (30) minutes or greater shall be in violation of this section.

7 (b) Any person found to be in violation of this section shall be fined not more than one
8 thousand dollars (\$1,000).

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide that any person leaving a tethered dog outside and unattended in
2 temperatures of thirty-two degrees Fahrenheit (32°F) or below, or ninety degrees Fahrenheit (90°F)
3 or above, would be subject to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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