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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2005

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Introduced By: Senators Alves, McCaffrey, and Badeau

Date Introduced: February 10, 2005

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-17.1 of the General Laws entitled "Department of
2 Environmental Management" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **42-17.1-45. No prohibition on pets. --** [\(a\)Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter](#)
4 [to the contrary, the department shall not promulgate or enforce any rule or regulation that would](#)
5 [prohibit a pet dog or cat from accompanying its owner or caretaker at any state owned](#)
6 [campground.](#)

7 **(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, nothing in this**
8 [section shall be deemed to allow pets within any state beach facility that includes a bathing beach](#)
9 [licensed by the department of health pursuant to chapter 23-21, unless the bathing beach portion](#)
10 [of the facility is sufficiently isolated from other public areas within the facility.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would prohibit the department of environmental management from promulgating
- 2 or enforcing any rule or regulation that would prohibit pets at state owned campgrounds.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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