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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE

Introduced By: Representatives Walsh, and Corvese

Date Introduced: February 27, 2014

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 20-1-18 of the General Laws in Chapter 20-1 entitled "General
2 Provisions" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **20-1-18. Collector's permits.** -- Notwithstanding any other restriction or prohibition set
4 forth in this title [or in §§ 11-47-20 and 11-47-51](#), the director is authorized to issue special
5 permits for the taking, handling, and/or possession of any species of wild animal, of any size, age,
6 and numbers as may be appropriate to persons for the purpose of carrying out scientific
7 experiments and cultivation projects for which the director has responsibility. The director may
8 require an applicant to provide any information that the director deems necessary to ascertain that
9 the person is involved in a bona fide experiment or project. Failure to abide by the provisions of
10 any permit or failure to report any information required by the director shall be cause for
11 suspension or revocation of the permit.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide that notwithstanding the prohibition on the sale or possession of
2 silencers on a firearm or the prohibition on loaded weapons in vehicles, the director of the
3 department of environmental management would be authorized to issue special permits for the
4 taking, handling and/or possession of any species of wild animals.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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