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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - BIRDS

Introduced By: Representatives Corvese, Phillips, Coughlin, and Azzinaro

Date Introduced: January 12, 2017

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 20-14-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 20-14 entitled "Birds" is
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **20-14-7. Prohibited methods of taking.**

4 (a) No person shall hunt, pursue, take, or attempt to take upland or migratory game birds
5 over any area which has been baited. For the purposes of this section a "baited area" is that on
6 which salt, corn, wheat, or other grains have been scattered to lure, attract, or entice those birds
7 to, on, or over, where hunters are attempting to take them and shall not be construed to include
8 areas where corn, wheat, or other grains are scattered as the result of normal agricultural
9 operations.

10 (b) No person shall hunt, pursue, take, or attempt to take migratory game birds by the use
11 or aid of live birds as decoys.

12 (c) No person shall hunt, pursue, take, or attempt to take wild birds by the use of an
13 electronically amplified recording of bird calls or sounds. However, this provision does not apply
14 to crows.

15 (d) No person shall take, kill, or destroy any wild bird by means of any trap, snare, net,
16 spring, ~~crossbow~~, rifle, pistol, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance, nor
17 shall any person construct, set, maintain, or repair any of these devices for the purpose of taking,
18 killing, or destroying wild birds.

19 (e) No person shall shoot or attempt to shoot migratory game birds by means other than a

- 1 shotgun of size ten (10) gauge or smaller, capable of holding three (3) or fewer shells, or a long
- 2 bow (straight limb, reflex, recurve, [crossbow](#) and compound bow) and arrow.
- 3 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would legalize the taking or killing of wild migratory birds by crossbow.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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