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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ASSAULTS

Introduced By: Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: March 04, 2014

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 11-5 of the General Laws entitled "Assaults" is hereby amended by  
2 adding thereto the following section:

3           **11-5-17. Assault or battery for purpose of causing unconsciousness.** – Any person  
4 who shall make an assault or battery, or both, by causing, or attempting to cause, another person  
5 to be rendered unconscious by a single punch, kick, or other singular striking motion to the head  
6 of such person for the purpose of bringing about the loss of consciousness of such person, or who  
7 shall knowingly assist, aid, abet, solicit, encourage, counsel, command, or conspire to coerce any  
8 person to commit such an act, shall be deemed to have committed a felony and shall be  
9 imprisoned for not more than three (3) years or fined not more than one thousand five hundred  
10 dollars (\$1,500), or both.

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

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would provide that any person who shall commit an assault or battery for the  
2 purpose of causing unconsciousness, a so-called "knockout assault," would be deemed to have  
3 committed a felony, and would be imprisoned for not more than three (3) years, or fined not more  
4 than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500), or both.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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