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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRESPASS AND VANDALISM

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, McCaffrey, Felag, and Walaska

Date Introduced: February 12, 2015

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 11-44 of the General Laws entitled "Trespass and Vandalism" is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **11-44-33. Injury to private property.** – (a) Every person, firm or corporation who is the  
4 owner of land abutting another property owner shall maintain and control any and all debris  
5 generated by a tree or shrubs that create a nuisance to the abutting property owner. "Nuisance"  
6 means any debris that is not controlled, enters a dwelling, and/or causes the affected property  
7 owner unnecessary work or costs.

8           (b) Any person, firm, or corporation violating the provisions of this section shall, upon  
9 adjudication, be required to remove said tree or shrubs, contain said tree or shrubs to prevent  
10 future debris, and be subject to a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) for  
11 each offense.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would require a property owner to maintain trees or shrubs that create a nuisance
- 2   to an abutting property owner.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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