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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ASSAULTS

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Ciccone, Jabour, and Quezada

Date Introduced: February 02, 2017

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 **11-5-3.1. Assault or battery upon delivery person.**

4 (a) "Delivery person" means any person engaged in the commercial delivery of any item,
5 food product, or anything else of value to any home, residence or business.

6 (b) Every person who shall make an assault or battery upon any delivery person in the
7 execution of their duty shall be imprisoned not exceeding three (3) years or fined not exceeding
8 three thousand dollars (\$3,000), or both.

9 (c) Every person who shall make an assault or battery, or both, with a dangerous weapon,
10 or with acid or other dangerous substance, or by fire, or an assault or battery which results in
11 serious bodily injury, to any delivery person shall be punished by imprisonment for a period of
12 not less than five (5) years, but not more than twenty (20) years.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would make assault and battery upon delivery persons a felony and would
2 mandate a maximum sentence of imprisonment of three (3) years. If a person were convicted of
3 such an assault and battery while using a dangerous weapon, the minimum sentence would be
4 imprisonment for five (5) years.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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