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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - ASSAULTS

Introduced By: Representatives Perez, Phillips, Corvese, Canario, and Tobon

Date Introduced: February 02, 2018

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-5-3.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-5 entitled "Assaults" is  
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

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) "Taxi driver" means any person who is engaged as a common carrier, driver, or  
7 operator of a taxicab as those words are defined in § 39-14-1.

8 ~~(c)~~ Every person who shall make an assault or battery upon any delivery person or taxi  
9 driver in the execution of ~~the delivery person's~~ their duty shall be imprisoned not exceeding three  
10 (3) years or fined not exceeding three thousand dollars (\$3,000), or both.

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

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would make an assault on taxi drivers a felony punishable by up to three (3)  
2 years imprisonment and an assault with a dangerous weapon punishable by five (5) to twenty (20)  
3 years imprisonment.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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