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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -GENERAL PROVISIONS

Introduced By: Senators McCaffrey, and Lynch Prata

Date Introduced: March 01, 2018

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

3 **11-1-2. Felony, misdemeanor -- Petty misdemeanor, and violation distinguished.**

4 Unless otherwise provided, any criminal offense which at any given time may be
5 punished by imprisonment for a term of more than one year, ~~or by a fine of more than one~~
6 ~~thousand dollars (\$1,000)~~, is declared to be a felony; any criminal offense which may be
7 punishable by imprisonment for a term of more than six (6) months and not exceeding one year,
8 or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), ~~or both~~, is declared to be a
9 misdemeanor; any criminal offense which may be punishable by imprisonment for a term not
10 exceeding six (6) months or solely by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500), ~~or both~~,
11 and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1000) is declared to be a petty misdemeanor; and any
12 offense which may be punished by only a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) is
13 declared to be a violation.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would further delineate the definitions of felony, misdemeanor and petty
2 misdemeanor.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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