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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - DUELING AND FIGHTING

Introduced By: Senators Paolino, Pearson, de la Cruz, and Lynch Prata

Date Introduced: February 13, 2019

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 11-12-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-12 entitled "Dueling  
2 and Fighting" is hereby repealed.

3           **11-12-4. Seconding fatal duel outside state.**

4           ~~Every person being an inhabitant of or resident in this state who shall, by previous~~  
5 ~~appointment or engagement made within this state, be the second of either party in any duel as is~~  
6 ~~mentioned in § 11-12-3 and shall be present as the second when the mortal wound is inflicted, of~~  
7 ~~which death shall ensue within this state, shall be deemed to be an accessory before the fact to the~~  
8 ~~crime of murder within this state, and may be indicted or charged by information, tried, convicted~~  
9 ~~and sentenced within the county where the death shall happen.~~

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would repeal § 11-12-4 of the general laws that prohibits a person from being a  
2 second at a duel that results in the infliction of a mortal wound.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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