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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN

Introduced By: Senators McCaffrey, Gallo, and Miller

Date Introduced: March 10, 2022

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-9-21 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-9 entitled "Children" is
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-9-21. Prohibition of sale of certain dietary supplements to minors.**

4 (a) It shall be a misdemeanor for any manufacturer, wholesaler, retailer, or other person, to
5 sell, transfer, or otherwise furnish any of the following to a person under 18 years of age:

6 (1) A dietary supplement containing an ephedrine group alkaloid.

7 (2) A dietary supplement containing any of the following:

8 (A) Androstanoil.

9 (B) Androstenedione.

10 (C) Androstenedione.

11 (D) Norandrostenediol.

12 (E) Norandrostenedione.

13 (F) Dehydroepiandrosterone.

14 (b) [Dietary supplements may only be purchased upon a request made by a customer to the](#)
15 [seller](#). The seller shall request valid identification from any individual who attempts to purchase a
16 dietary supplement set forth in subsection (a) if that individual reasonably appears to the seller to
17 be under 18 years of age.

18 (c) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), a retail clerk who fails to request identification
19 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall not be guilty of a misdemeanor, subject to any civil

1 penalties, or subject to any disciplinary action or discharge by his or her employer.

2 (d) Any retail establishment that sells over-the-counter dietary supplements shall limit
3 access to such products in a manner designed to prevent the misuse or abuse of such products.

4 Products shall not be directly accessible by customers, and may only be accessed by a retail clerk.

5 (e) Retail establishments shall conspicuously post at each purchase counter a notice
6 communicating that certain over-the-counter diet pills, or dietary supplements are known to cause
7 gastrointestinal impairment, tachycardia, hypertension, myocardial infarction, stroke, severe liver
8 injury sometimes requiring transplant or leading to death, organ failure, other serious injury, and
9 death.

10 (f) Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of no more than \$2,000.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would limit the accessibility of over-the-counter dietary supplements to prevent
2 the misuse or abuse of such products and provide a conspicuously posted notice at the purchase
3 counter of the possible side effects of the supplements.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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