STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

AN ACT
RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- HUNTING AND HUNTING SAFETY

Introduced By: Representatives Bennett, Edwards, Solomon, and Chippendale

Date Introduced: January 12, 2023

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 20-13-12 of the General Laws in Chapter 20-13 entitled "Hunting and Hunting Safety" is hereby amended to read as follows:

Whenever any [Every] person causing causes an injury to a human being by gunfire, firearm, archery, or crossbow while hunting; or inflicts an injury upon himself or herself with firearms, archery, or crossbows while hunting; or inflicts an injury upon himself or herself while trapping, which injury requires medical assistance, the initial responding entity or authority providing medical assistance shall make a report to the department of environmental management within seventy-two (72) hours after the injury, unless that person is physically incapable of making the required report, in which event it is the duty of that person to designate some other person to file the report within the specified time, immediately upon rendering that assistance, or as soon thereafter as is practical.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would provide that whenever any person causes an injury to a human being by
2 firearm, archery, or crossbow while hunting or trapping, and the injury requires medical assistance,
3 the initial responding entity or authority providing medical assistance shall make a report to the
4 department of environmental management immediately, or as soon thereafter as is practical.
5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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