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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT

Introduced By: Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Lima, Almeida, and
Jacquard

Date Introduced: March 01, 2017

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-37-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-37 entitled "Sexual
2 Assault" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-37-6. Third degree sexual assault.**

4 A person is guilty of third degree sexual assault if he or she is over the age of eighteen
5 (18) years and engaged in sexual penetration with another person over the age of fourteen (14)
6 years and under the age of consent, ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years of age; provided, however,
7 that it shall not be a violation if the parties engaging in sexual penetration are doing so
8 consensually, are between the ages of sixteen (16) and twenty (20) years of age and that they are
9 no more than thirty (30) months apart in age.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would raise the age of consent for sexual intercourse to age eighteen (18);
2 provided however that consensual penetration between two individuals between the ages of
3 sixteen (16) and twenty (20) if they are no more than thirty (30) months apart in age, would not
4 be a violation of this statute.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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