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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023**

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- BURGLARY AND BREAKING AND ENTERING

Introduced By: Representatives Lima, and Costantino

Date Introduced: March 01, 2023

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 11-8 of the General Laws entitled "Burglary and Breaking and  
2 Entering" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **11-8-4.1. Smash and grab prohibited.**

4           (a) The concerted action by at least two (2) or more people who, acting together, break and  
5 enter or ransack or smash doors or windows of any retail establishment in order to steal and make  
6 off with retail items shall be imprisoned for ten (10) years, and shall not be afforded the benefit of  
7 suspension or deferment of sentence nor of probation.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would create a mandatory jail sentence of ten (10) years for two (2) or more people
- 2 who break into a business with the intent to steal.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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