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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FALSE IMPERSONATION

Introduced By: Senators Burke, Raptakis, Tikoian, Britto, and McKenney

Date Introduced: March 30, 2023

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

(Judiciary)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-14-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-14 entitled "False
2 Personation" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-14-1. Impersonation of public officer.**

4 Every person who shall falsely assume or pretend to be a judge, justice of the peace,
5 warden, deputy sheriff, alderman, member of any city or town council, city or town clerk, [state](#)
6 [court clerk](#), city sergeant, constable, correctional officer, any other officer of any city or town in
7 this state as well as any out-of-state police, or the attorney general, deputy attorney general,
8 assistant or special assistant attorney general, and shall act as such, shall be imprisoned not
9 exceeding one year or be fined not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would provide that state court clerks be added to the list of public officers for
- 2 whom falsely assuming their identity would be a criminal offense.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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