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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- BURGLARY AND BREAKING AND ENTERING

Introduced By: Representatives Lima, Cardillo, Noret, Costantino, Chippendale, and
Phillips

Date Introduced: March 05, 2024

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 remove
6 from the premises, retail items, shall be imprisoned for two (2) years, and shall not be afforded the
7 benefit of 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 two (2) years for two (2) or more people
2 who break and enter, ransack or smash doors or windows of any retail establishment in order to
3 steal and remove from the premises retail items.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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