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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT -- SHERRY'S LAW

Introduced By: Senators de la Cruz, and E Morgan

Date Introduced: January 24, 2024

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-37-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-37 entitled "Sexual
2 Assault" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-37-3. Penalty for first degree sexual assault.**

4 Every person who shall commit sexual assault in the first degree shall be imprisoned for a
5 period not less than ~~ten (10)~~ fifteen (15) years; provided that, the first ten (10) years shall be served
6 and the person shall not be afforded the benefits of deferment or suspension of sentence and may
7 be imprisoned for life.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and shall be applicable to all those
9 offenses committed after the effective date of this section.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would increase the minimum sentence for first degree sexual assault and provide
2 that the first ten (10) years of a sentence for first degree sexual assault not be subject to a suspension
3 or deferment of sentence.

4 This act would take effect upon passage and shall be applicable to all those offenses
5 committed after the effective date of this section.

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