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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FLAGS AND EMBLEMS

Introduced By: Representatives Johnston, Carnevale, Hull, Canario, and Finn

Date Introduced: February 07, 2013

Referred To: House Judiciary

(Attorney General)

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

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 11-15 of the General Laws entitled "Flags and Emblems" is hereby
10 amended by adding thereto the following section:

11 **11-15-4.1. Unauthorized use of the emblem of the attorney general.** -- No person, firm
12 or corporation shall use, without authorization, the emblem of the department of the attorney
13 general that is authorized by the attorney general or any such emblem used to imitate an emblem
14 of the department of the attorney general, for any fraudulent purpose, or for any purpose intended
15 to deceive, harm, or defraud any person. Any person who violates any provisions of this section
16 shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, is subject to imprisonment for up
17 to one year, a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500), or both.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would make the unlawful use of the emblem of the department of the attorney
2 general a misdemeanor subject to up to one year imprisonment, a fine of up to five hundred
3 dollars (\$500), or both. This act would also amend impersonation of a public officer to include
4 the unlawful impersonation of the attorney general, deputy attorney general, or assistant or
5 special assistant attorney general.

6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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