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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Introduced By: Representatives Canario, Edwards, Hull, Almeida, and Shekarchi

Date Introduced: January 21, 2015

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 11-45 of the General Laws entitled "Disorderly Conduct" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

11-45-3. Obstruction of a freeway. -- (a) A person commits the crime of obstruction of a freeway if or she intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly, alone or with others, restricts traffic flow of a freeway.

(b) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor, and imprisoned for a term of not more than one year, or fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500), or both.

(c) For the purposes of this section, "freeway" means a way especially designed for through traffic over which abutters have no easement or right of light, air, or access by reason of the fact that their property abuts upon the way, and shall include, without limitation, all roads designated as part of the interstate highway system.

(d) In no event shall this section be construed to prevent lawful picketing or lawful demonstrations including, but not limited to, those relating to a labor dispute.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would define the act of obstruction of a freeway as a person who intentionally,
2 knowingly, or recklessly, alone or with others, restricts traffic flow of a freeway. Any person
3 found guilty of obstruction would, be guilty of a misdemeanor, and would upon conviction, be
4 imprisoned for a term of not more than one year or fined not more than five hundred dollars
5 (\$500).

6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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