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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF  
CRIMINALS

Introduced By: Representatives Williams, Lombardi, Hull, Almeida, and Johnston

Date Introduced: February 11, 2016

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 12-1 of the General Laws entitled "Identification and Apprehension  
2 of Criminals" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **12-1-11.1. Maintenance and distribution of photographs and descriptive**  
4 **information as to persons convicted of certain offenses. -- (a) Upon request by any person**  
5 **including, but not limited to, all nonprofit and other neighborhood organizations in the**  
6 **community in which an offense occurred, the arresting law enforcement agency may provide the**  
7 **following information regarding an offender, upon conviction for any offense listed in §§11-8-1,**  
8 **11-8-1.1, 11-8-2, 11-8-2.3, 11-8-2.4, 11-39-2, 11-41-7, or 31-9-2, any photographs and**  
9 **descriptive information compiled by the arresting law enforcement agency including, but not**  
10 **limited to, the name, age, weight, height, a general description, photograph, and the**  
11 **aforementioned offenses for which the offender was convicted. Such information may be**  
12 **publically displayed by the requesting person in the community in which the offense occurred.**

13           **(b) No photographs or other descriptive information shall be distributed pursuant to the**  
14 **provisions contained in subsection (a) of this section, until such time as all appeals have been**  
15 **exhausted and the underlying criminal conviction is upheld.**

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would provide that law enforcement agencies may distribute and make public  
2 upon request from any person, the general description along with age, weight, height and  
3 photographs of individuals convicted of certain offenses, including burglary, breaking and  
4 entering, robbery offenses, larceny from a person and stolen motor vehicle offenses.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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