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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - OBSTRUCTIONS TO NAVIGATION -
WATERS OFF GOAT ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Edwards, Newberry, Abney, Carson, and Canario

Date Introduced: January 18, 2018

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 46-6-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 46-6 entitled "Obstructions
2 to Navigation" is hereby repealed.

3 ~~**46-6-7. Protection of waters off Goat Island.**~~

4 ~~No person shall set any post, drive any pile, or erect or continue any obstruction into or~~
5 ~~upon the public waters adjoining to and on the westerly side of Goat Island in the harbor of~~
6 ~~Newport, between the island and the main channel which separates the island from the island of~~
7 ~~Conanicut, or interfere with or injure any wire, torpedo, or other implement or contrivance in the~~
8 ~~waters, placed there under the authority of the United States, for use in connection with the~~
9 ~~experiments in torpedo practice carried on from Goat Island; but nothing herein contained shall~~
10 ~~be so construed as to give to the United States jurisdiction over any of the public waters to an~~
11 ~~extent which they do not already have, and this section may be modified or repealed at the~~
12 ~~pleasure of the general assembly. Every person violating any provision of this section shall be~~
13 ~~fined one hundred dollars (\$100).~~

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would repeal the restrictions on the use of the waters off Goat Island which are
- 2 no longer needed since the closing of the torpedo station there.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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