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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRESPASS AND VANDALISM

Introduced By: Representatives Edwards, Canario, and Abney

Date Introduced: February 02, 2018

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Sections 11-44-16, 11-44-17 and 11-44-18 of the General Laws in Chapter

11-44 entitled "Trespass and Vandalism" are hereby repealed.

11-44-16. Removal of gravel from or deposit of debris on Easton's Beach.

Every person who shall remove any sand or any gravel from any part of Easton's Beach, as defined in § 11-44-18, shall be fined twenty dollars (\$20.00) for every offense. Every person who shall deposit or leave on the beach any dead animal, offal, filth, rubbish, or refuse matter, shall be fined twenty dollars (\$20.00) for every offense.

11-44-17. Enforcement of § 11-44-16.

Any police constable of Newport or of Middletown, viewing any offense committed in violation of § 11-44-16, shall immediately arrest the offender, whether in Newport or in Middletown, and cause him or her to be prosecuted for the offense as soon as may be possible before the district court.

11-44-18. Bounds of Easton's Beach.

Easton's Beach, for the purposes of §§ 11-44-16 and 11-44-17, shall embrace all the lands bounded and described as follows: a tract of land in Newport, bounded northerly on land now or formerly of George H. Norman, easterly on the division line between the town of Middletown and the city of Newport, southerly on the ocean at low water mark, and westerly on land now or formerly of the Gibbs Land Company to the Bath Road, and along and across that road to and along the cliffs at land now or formerly of J. W. Chandler; and a tract of land in Middletown,

- 1 bounded northerly on the northern side of a road which runs from the foot of Bath Road in
- 2 Newport, easterly through the above bounded beach or land, and then onward over the lands
- 3 between Easton's Beach and Sachuest Beach, easterly on the line of the old fence or wall which
- 4 has hitherto separated the upland of the Benjamin Easton Farm from Easton's Beach and the
- 5 sandy tract adjoining it, southerly on the ocean at low-water mark, and westerly on the division
- 6 line between Newport and Middletown.
- 7 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

AN ACT

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This act would repeal the prohibition of the general laws regarding the removal of gravel
or the deposit of debris from Easton's Beach, the enforcement provisions, and the bounds of
Easton's Beach.

This act would take effect upon passage.