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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - FALSE REPORT OF CRIME

Introduced By: Representative Robert A. Nardolillo

Date Introduced: February 07, 2018

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-32-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-32 entitled "Obstructing  
2 Justice" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-32-2. False report of crime.**

4 (a) Every person who shall knowingly make or cause to be made a false statement of a  
5 crime, either oral or written, with intent that it be relied upon by a police officer of any city or  
6 town or by any member of the state police, shall be deemed guilty of obstructing an officer and  
7 shall be imprisoned not exceeding one year and/or be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars  
8 (\$500), and shall in addition to this imprisonment and/or fine be ordered to make restitution to the  
9 person falsely accused of a crime for any damage which the person sustained as a result of the  
10 false complaint.

11 (b) Every person who shall knowingly make, or cause to be made, a false statement of a  
12 crime, either oral or written, with intent that it be relied upon by a police officer of any city or  
13 town or by any member of the state police, concerning a report of a kidnapping or an attempted  
14 murder in progress shall be imprisoned not exceeding five (5) years and/or fined not exceeding  
15 ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and shall in addition to this imprisonment and/or fine be ordered to  
16 make restitution to the person falsely accused of a crime for any damage which the person  
17 sustained as a result of the false complaint.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would create an enhanced felony penalty for a person who falsely complains to
- 2 police about a kidnapping or attempted murder, in progress.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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