

2018 -- H 7538

=====  
LC004459  
=====

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

—————  
A N A C T

RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Introduced By: Representatives Edwards, Newberry, Keable, Casey, and Coughlin

Date Introduced: February 09, 2018

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 11-11-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-11 entitled "Disorderly  
2 Conduct" is hereby repealed.

3           ~~**11-11-3. Carrying on business or entertainment in vicinity of religious meeting.**~~

4           ~~Whenever any religious society shall hold any camp, tent, grove or other out door~~  
5 ~~meeting, or the Society of General Six-principle Baptists of Rhode Island and Massachusetts shall~~  
6 ~~hold their annual "general meeting," for any purpose connected with the object for which the~~  
7 ~~religious society was organized, no person, without the consent of the religious society or of its~~  
8 ~~proper officers, shall keep in any shop, tent, booth, wagon or carriage or other place, for sale, or~~  
9 ~~expose for sale any spirituous or intoxicating liquors or other drinks or food or merchandise of~~  
10 ~~any kind, or hawk or peddle any liquors or merchandise mentioned in this section within one mile~~  
11 ~~of the place of the meeting, nor shall any person engage in gaming, horse racing, or exhibit or~~  
12 ~~offer to exhibit any show or play within the like distance of one mile of a meeting; and every~~  
13 ~~person violating any provision of this section shall be fined not exceeding twenty dollars (\$20.00)~~  
14 ~~nor less than five dollars (\$5.00) or be imprisoned not exceeding thirty (30) days; provided, that~~  
15 ~~nothing contained in this section shall be so construed as to prevent innkeepers, grocers, or other~~  
16 ~~persons from pursuing their ordinary business at their usual place of doing business, nor to~~  
17 ~~prevent any person from selling victuals in his or her usual place of abode.~~

18

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

=====  
LC004459  
=====

EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF  
A N A C T  
RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - DISORDERLY CONDUCT

\*\*\*

- 1           This act would repeal the criminal offense for keeping an unpermitted location where
- 2           certain business is conducted when the location is within one mile of a religious society meeting.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

=====  
LC004459  
=====