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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: Senators Paolino, and Nesselbush

Date Introduced: March 20, 2018

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

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2 to Navigation" is hereby repealed.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11 ~~extent which they do not already have, and this section may be modified or repealed at the~~  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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