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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ASSAULTS

Introduced By: Representatives Serodio, Amore, Noret, McLaughlin, and Donovan

Date Introduced: February 14, 2019

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11-5 of the General Laws entitled "Assaults" is hereby amended by
2 adding thereto the following section:

3 **11-5-18. Assault on a person with a developmental disability.**

4 Any person who shall commit an assault or battery on any person with a developmental
5 disability as defined in § 40.1-1-8.1 shall be deemed to have committed a felony and shall be
6 punished by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years and a fine of not more than one
7 thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both.

8 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 make it a felony to commit an assault or battery on a person with
2 developmental disabilities.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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