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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSE - DUELING AND FIGHTING

Introduced By: Senators Paolino, Pearson, and Lynch Prata

Date Introduced: February 13, 2019

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 11-12-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-12 entitled "Dueling  
2 and Fighting" is hereby repealed.

3           ~~11-12-3. Duel without state resulting in death within state.~~

4           ~~Every person, being an inhabitant of or resident in this state, who shall fight a duel~~  
5 ~~outside the jurisdiction of this state, by previous appointment or engagement made within this~~  
6 ~~state, and in the duel shall inflict a mortal wound upon any person of which the person so injured~~  
7 ~~shall afterwards die within this state, shall be deemed to be guilty of murder within this state and~~  
8 ~~may be indicted or charged by information, tried, convicted and sentenced in the county in which~~  
9 ~~the death shall happen.~~

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would repeal § 11-12-3 of the general laws that prohibits a Rhode Island resident  
2 from engaging in a duel outside the state that results in a mortal wound.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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