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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- HUNTING AND HUNTING SAFETY

Introduced By: Representatives Bennett, Abney, Chippendale, Price, Morales, Shallcross
Smith, McNamara, Hull, Slater, and Filippi

Date Introduced: May 19, 2021

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 20-13-12 of the General Laws in Chapter 20-13 entitled "Hunting
2 and Hunting Safety" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **20-13-12. Reports of hunting injuries.**

4 Whenever any ~~Every~~ person ~~causing~~ causes an injury to a human being by ~~gunfire~~ firearm,
5 archery, or crossbow while hunting; ~~;~~ or ~~inflicting~~ inflicts an injury upon himself or herself with
6 firearms, archery, or crossbows while hunting; or ~~inflicting an injury upon himself or herself while~~
7 ~~trapping~~ trapping, which injury requires medical assistance, the initial responding entity or
8 authority providing medical assistance shall make a report to the department of environmental
9 management ~~within seventy two (72) hours after the injury, unless that person is physically~~
10 ~~incapable of making the required report, in which event it is the duty of that person to designate~~
11 ~~some other person to file the report within the specified time.~~ immediately upon rendering that
12 assistance, or as soon thereafter as is practical.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide that whenever any person causes an injury to a human being by
2 firearm, archery, or crossbow while hunting, and the injury requires medical assistance, the initial
3 responding entity or authority providing medical assistance would make a report to the department
4 of environmental management immediately, or as soon thereafter as is practical.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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