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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THREATS AND EXTORTION

Introduced By: Representatives Craven, Hull, Voas, Diaz, Slater, Biah, and Kazarian

Date Introduced: March 01, 2023

Referred To: House Judiciary

(Attorney General)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11-42 of the General Laws entitled "Threats and Extortion" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **11-42-4.1. Menacing.**

4 Whoever knowingly and willfully delivers or conveys, directly or indirectly, a verbal,
5 written or physical threat to take the life of, or to inflict bodily harm upon, another person, shall be
6 guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be imprisoned for not more than one year or fined not more than
7 one 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 establish the criminal offense of menacing as a misdemeanor and
2 punishable by a year in person or fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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