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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CUSTODIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SEXUAL PENETRATION

<u>Introduced By:</u> Senators Bell, Bissaillon, Murray, Valverde, Ujifusa, Mack, Euer, Quezada, Kallman, and Acosta

<u>Date Introduced:</u> February 13, 2025

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1	SECTION 1. Title 11 of the General Laws entitled "CRIMINAL OFFENSES" is hereby
2	amended by adding thereto the following chapter:
3	CHAPTER 71
4	CUSTODIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SEXUAL PENETRATION
5	11-71-1. Definitions.
6	The following words and phrases, when used in this chapter, have the following meanings:
7	(1) "Force or coercion" shall have the same meaning as in § 11-37-1.
8	(2) "Peace officer" shall have the same meaning as in § 12-7-21,
9	(3) "Sexual penetration" shall have the same meaning as in § 11-37-1.
10	11-71-2. Custodial law enforcement sexual penetration prohibited.
11	(a) A person is guilty of custodial law enforcement sexual penetration if he or she engages
12	in sexual penetration with another person; and
13	(1) He or she is a peace officer, and the victim has been seized, is detained, has been placed
14	in custody, has been placed under arrest, or is confined in a correctional or law enforcement facility
15	or vehicle; or
16	(2) He or she supervises the victim's parole, probation, or community confinement.
17	(b) A person convicted of a violation of this chapter shall be punished by imprisonment for
18	a period not to exceed three (3) years.

(c) A person convicted under this chapter shall not be subject to the provisions of chapter
37.1 of this title.
(d) It shall be an affirmative defense that the act of sexual penetration resulted from force
or coercion by the alleged victim or victims.
(e) Any sentence imposed under this chapter shall run concurrently with any other sentence
imposed for the same case.
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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