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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY

Introduced By: Representatives Gallison, San Bento, Guthrie, Serpa, and Kilmartin Date Introduced: January 13, 2010

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-28.2 of the General Laws entitled "Division of Fire Safety" is

2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

- 3 23-28.2-28. Failure to evacuate. -- It shall be unlawful for any person to remain inside
- 4 any building when a fire alarm is activated. Failure to evacuate shall be punishable by a one
- 5 <u>hundred dollar (\$100) fine.</u>
- 6 <u>23-28.2-29. Tampering with fire protection equipment. --</u> It shall be unlawful for any
- 7 person to tamper with fire protection equipment. A violation of this section shall be punishable by
- 8 <u>a two hundred fifty dollar (\$250) fine.</u>
- 9 <u>23-28.2-30. Access of fire alarm panels. --</u> Only fire department personnel and other
- 10 licensed individuals may access fire alarm panels. A violation of this section shall be punishable
- 11 by a two hundred fifty dollar (\$250) fine.
- 12 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 illegal to fail to evacuate a building when an alarm is activated, or 2 to tamper with, or access an alarm by anyone other than a licensed individual. This act would 3 assess fines for these violations.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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