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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: Senators Burke, and McKenney

Date Introduced: March 17, 2023

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

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  
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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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