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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -GENERAL PROVISIONS

Introduced By: Senators McCaffrey, and Goodwin

Date Introduced: February 13, 2020

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-1-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-1 entitled "General  
2 Provisions" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-1-2. Felony, misdemeanor -- Petty misdemeanor, and violation distinguished.**

4 Unless otherwise provided, any criminal offense which at any given time may be punished  
5 by imprisonment for a term of more than one year, ~~or by a fine of more than one thousand dollars~~  
6 ~~(\$1,000)~~, is declared to be a felony; any criminal offense which may be punishable by imprisonment  
7 for a term of more than six (6) months and not exceeding one year, ~~or by a fine of not more than~~  
8 ~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both, is declared to be a~~  
9 or solely by a fine of more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both, is declared to be a  
10 misdemeanor; any criminal offense which may be punishable by imprisonment for a term not  
11 exceeding six (6) months or solely by a fine of ~~not~~ more than five hundred dollars (\$500), ~~or both,~~  
12 and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) is declared to be a petty misdemeanor; and any  
13 offense which may be punished by only a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) is  
14 declared to be a violation.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would further delineate the definitions of felony, misdemeanor and petty  
2 misdemeanor.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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