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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES--MARIJUANA

Introduced By: Representatives Edwards, Slater, Ferri, Newberry, and Williams

Date Introduced: January 18, 2011

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 21-28 of the General Laws entitled "Uniform Controlled
2 Substances Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **21-28-4.07. Possession of small amounts of marijuana -- Civil offense. --**
4 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section of the general laws to the contrary, the
5 possession of less than one ounce (1 oz.) of marijuana shall constitute a civil offense, rendering
6 the offender liable to a civil penalty in the amount of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). Said
7 penalty shall inure to the general fund of the state if the citation is issued by the state police, but
8 otherwise to the municipality where the civil offense occurred.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would decriminalize the possession of less than one ounce (1 oz.) of marijuana,
2 and impose a civil penalty of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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