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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE

Introduced By: Representative Jason Knight

Date Introduced: January 22, 2021

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 12-13-5.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 12-13 entitled "Bail and
- 2 Recognizance" is hereby repealed.

3 <u>12-13-5.1. Presumption of danger to the community.</u>

- 4 Whenever a person is charged with, or indicted or informed against, for an offense
- 5 involving the unlawful sale, distribution, manufacture, delivery, or possession with intent to
- 6 manufacture, sell, distribute, or deliver any controlled substance, or by possession of any controlled
- 7 substance punishable by imprisonment for ten (10) years or more, and the state objects to the setting
- 8 of bail pursuant to the R.I. Const., Art. I, Sec. IX, if the court determines that the proof of guilt is
- 9 evident or the presumption great, then it shall be presumed that the person is a danger to the safety
- 10 of the community unless that presumption is rebutted by the defendant.
- 11 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

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- 1 This act would repeal § 12-13-5.1 which permits the state to draw an inference that a person
- 2 charged with delivery of a controlled substance is a danger to the community.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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