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STATE RHODE ISLAND OF

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE

Introduced By: Senators DeLuca, and de la Cruz

Date Introduced: January 12, 2024

Referred To: Senate 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

Recognizance" is hereby amended to read as follows:

12-13-5.1. Presumption of danger to the community.

(a) Whenever a person is charged with, or indicted or informed against, for an offense

involving the unlawful sale, distribution, manufacture, delivery, or possession with intent to

manufacture, sell, distribute, or deliver any controlled substance, or by possession of any controlled

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

evident or the presumption great, then it shall be presumed that the person is a danger to the safety

of the community unless that presumption is rebutted by the defendant.

(b) Whenever a person is charged with the possession of a firearm with alteration of 11

identification marks in violation of § 11-47-24, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the

13 person is a danger to the safety of the community.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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This act would require that whenever a person is charged with possession of a firearm with
alteration of identification marks, the alteration would create a rebuttable presumption that the
person is a danger to the safety of the community.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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