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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- HUNTING AND HUNTING SAFETY

Introduced By: Representative David A. Bennett

Date Introduced: January 25, 2021

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 20-13-12 of the General Laws in Chapter 20-13 entitled "Hunting  
2 and Hunting Safety" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **20-13-12. Reports of hunting injuries.**

4 Every person causing an injury to a human being by ~~gunfire~~ firearm, archery, or crossbow  
5 while hunting; or inflicting an injury upon himself or herself with firearms, archery, or crossbows  
6 while hunting; or ~~inflicting an injury upon himself or herself while~~ trapping shall make a report to  
7 the department of environmental management ~~within seventy two (72) hours~~ immediately after the  
8 injury, or as soon as practical, unless that person is physically incapable of making the required  
9 report, in which event it is the duty of that person to designate some other person to file the report  
10 within the specified time or the responding authority shall notify the department of environmental  
11 management of the incident.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require any person who sustains an injury to themselves or causes an injury  
2 to another while hunting or trapping to report the injury to the department of environmental  
3 management immediately.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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