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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, Lombardi, Lombardo, and Conley

Date Introduced: February 13, 2013

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-47-3.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-47 entitled
2 "Weapons" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-47-3.1. Carrying a stolen firearm when committing a crime of violence.** -- No
4 person shall commit a crime of violence when armed with or having available a stolen firearm.
5 Every person violating the provisions of this section shall be punished: (1) for the first conviction
6 by imprisonment for ~~not less than~~ five (5) ~~nor more than ten (10)~~ years; (2) for a second
7 conviction under this section by imprisonment for ~~not less than fifteen (15) nor more than twenty~~
8 ~~(20)~~ ten (10) years; and (3) for a third or subsequent conviction under this section by
9 imprisonment for ~~not less than twenty (20)~~ fifteen (15) years ~~and may be imprisoned for life~~. The
10 sentence imposed shall be consecutive to the underlying sentence for the crime of violence, and
11 the person shall not be afforded the benefits of deferment of sentence, suspension of sentence or
12 parole.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would set new penalties for first, second and third convictions for carrying a
2 stolen firearm while committing a crime of violence, and would deny the person so convicted any
3 benefit of deferment of sentence, suspension of sentence or parole.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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