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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

Introduced By: Representatives Chippendale, Cardillo, and Place

Date Introduced: February 18, 2022

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-47-10 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-47 entitled "Weapons"

2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-47-10. License or permit not required to carry to target range.**

4 (a) A lawful resident of this state who is twenty-one (21) years of age or older, who is not  
5 otherwise prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm, shall be allowed to carry a concealed  
6 handgun without a permit subject to the following conditions:

7 (1) The individual shall possess a certificate of qualification in accordance with § 11-47-  
8 15 from a National Rifle Association (NRA) instructor or a police range officer; provided, however,  
9 that law enforcement personnel may submit a certification from the Rhode Island combat course.  
10 The certificate shall include the date of the qualification, the printed name and telephone number  
11 of the instructor, the instructor's NRA number, the caliber of the weapon and an indication of the  
12 passing score. The qualification certificate shall not be more than four (4) years old;

13 (2) The individual shall possess a pistol/revolver safety certificate or hunter safety  
14 certificate issued and/or recognized by the Rhode Island department of environmental management;

15 (3) The individual shall have in his or her possession a valid photo identification issued by  
16 a state or governmental agency and present the identification immediately upon demand by a law  
17 enforcement officer.

18 (b) No license or permit shall be required for the purpose of carrying or transporting any  
19 pistol or revolver from one's home or place of business to a bona fide target practice range, nor

1 from a bona fide target practice range to one's home or place of business, to engage in any shoot  
2 meet, or practice, provided that the pistol or revolver is broken down, unloaded and carried as  
3 openly as circumstances will permit, or provided that the pistols or revolvers are unloaded and  
4 secured in a separate container suitable for the purpose.

5 (c) Every person who violates the provisions of this section, shall, upon conviction, be  
6 punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than ten (10) years, or by a fine of  
7 up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or both, and except for a first conviction pursuant to this  
8 subsection, shall not be afforded the provisions of suspension or deferment of sentence, nor  
9 probation.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would permit any person twenty-one (21) years of age or older to carry a concealed  
2 pistol or revolver provided that they have qualified and have a certificate of qualification in  
3 accordance with § 11-47-15 from a National Rifle Association (NRA) instructor or a police range  
4 officer; provided, further, that law enforcement personnel may submit a certification from the  
5 Rhode Island combat course, and the person so carrying has completed a fire arm or hunter safety  
6 course from or recognized by the department of environmental management. Violations of this  
7 section would be a felony punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment, a fine up to ten thousand  
8 dollars (\$10,000) or both for a first conviction with any subsequent conviction not eligible for  
9 receipt of a suspended or deferred sentence nor probation.

10           This act would take effect upon passage.

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