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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- DEER HUNTING

Introduced By: Representatives Cardillo, Costantino, Casey, Chippendale, J. Brien,
Azzinaro, Perez, and Craven

Date Introduced: January 19, 2023

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 20-15-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 20-15 entitled "Deer
2 Hunting" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **20-15-5. Possession of unlawful weapons while hunting.**

4 (a) No person shall use, ~~or have in his or her possession,~~ while hunting for deer, ~~pistols,~~
5 ~~guns, or other~~ prohibited hunting firearms, spear guns, crossbows, explosive points, poisonous or
6 barbed points, or any other projectile, propelled by any means, capable of carrying or injecting any
7 incapacitating drug or chemical; provided, however, that a duly licensed person may hunt for deer
8 by shotgun, muzzle-loading rifle, long bow (straight limb, reflex, recurve, or compound bow) or
9 crossbow. Possession of any deer showing evidence that it was taken with a prohibited device shall
10 be a violation of this section. Upon conviction of a violation of any provision of this section, any
11 weapons, guns, or ammunition shall be forfeited to the state.

12 (b) Any person who has a valid concealed carry permit pursuant to the provisions of §§ 11-
13 47-11 or 11-47-18 or who is exempt pursuant to the provisions of §§ 11-47-9 or 11-47-9.1, may
14 while hunting deer, carry and possess their pistol or revolver; provided, however, that the pistol or
15 revolver is not used to hunt deer.

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

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EXPLANATION
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2 pistol or revolver while deer hunting; provided that, the pistol or revolver is not used for deer
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