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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

Introduced By: Representatives Fogarty, Handy, Donovan, McEntee, Caldwell, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Kazarian, Cortvriend, and Carson

Date Introduced: February 12, 2026

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-47-11. License or permit to carry concealed pistol or revolver.**

4 (a) The licensing authorities of any city or town shall, upon application of any person
5 twenty-one (21) years of age or over having a bona fide residence or place of business within the
6 city or town, ~~or of any person twenty-one (21) years of age or over having a bona fide residence~~
7 ~~within the United States and a license or permit to carry a pistol or revolver concealed upon his or~~
8 ~~her person issued by the authorities of any other state or subdivision of the United States,~~ issue a
9 license or permit to the person to carry concealed upon his or her person a pistol or revolver
10 everywhere within this state for four (4) years from date of issue, if it appears that the applicant has
11 good reason to fear an injury to his or her person or property or has any other proper reason for
12 carrying a pistol or revolver, and that he or she is a suitable person to be so licensed. The license
13 or permit shall be in triplicate ~~in on a~~ form to be prescribed by the attorney general and shall bear
14 the fingerprint, photograph, name, address, description, and signature of the licensee and the reason
15 given for desiring a license or permit and in no case shall it contain the serial number of any firearm.
16 The original shall be delivered to the licensee. Any member of the licensing authority, its agents,
17 servants, and employees shall be immune from suit in any action, civil or criminal, based upon any
18 official act or decision, performed or made in good faith in issuing a license or permit under this
19 chapter.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would eliminate the provision that out-of-state persons with a concealed carry
- 2 permit could apply to the licensing authority of any city or town for a concealed carry permit. This
- 3 act would also require Rhode Island residents (regardless of whether they possess an out-of-state
- 4 permit) when applying for a concealed carry permit from a local authority/police chief, to apply to
- 5 the town where the resident has a bona fide residence or place of business.
- 6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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