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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES-WEAPONS

Introduced By: Senators Pagliarini, Lombardo, Morgan, Kettle, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: February 11, 2016

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-47-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-47 entitled "Weapons"
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:
3 **11-47-9. Persons exempt from restrictions.** -- (a) The provisions of § 11-47-8 shall not
4 apply to sheriffs; deputy sheriffs; the superintendent and members of the state police; members of
5 the Rhode Island airport police department; members of the Rhode Island state marshals; Rhode
6 Island state fire marshal; chief deputy state fire marshals; deputy state fire marshals assigned to
7 the bomb squad, and those assigned to the investigation unit; Providence fire department arson
8 investigators, provided that the investigator receiving the permit is a graduate of a police-training
9 academy; correctional officers, within the department of corrections; members of the city or town
10 police force; capitol police investigators of the department of attorney general appointed pursuant
11 to § 42-9-8.1; the witness protection coordinator for the witness protection review board as set
12 forth in chapter 30 of title 12 and subject to the minimum qualifications of § 42-9-8.1; automobile
13 theft investigators of the Rhode Island state police pursuant to § 31-50-1; railroad police while
14 traveling to and from official assignments or while on assignments; conservation officers; or
15 other duly appointed law enforcement officers; nor to members of the Army, Navy, Air Force,
16 and Marine Corps of the United States, the National Guard, or organized reserves, when on duty;
17 nor to members of organizations by law authorized to purchase or receive firearms from the
18 United States or this state, provided these members are at, or going to or from, their places of
19 assembly or target practice; nor to officers or employees of the United States authorized by law to

1 carry a concealed firearm; nor to any civilian guard or criminal investigator carrying sidearms or
2 a concealed firearm in the performance of his or her official duties under the authority of the
3 commanding officer of the military establishment in the state of Rhode Island where he or she is
4 employed by the United States; nor to any civilian guard carrying sidearms or a concealed firearm
5 in the performance of his or her official duties under the authority of the adjutant general where
6 he or she is employed guarding a national guard facility, provided, that the commanding officer
7 of the military establishment shall have on file with the attorney general of this state a list of the
8 names and addresses of all civilian guards and criminal investigators so authorized; nor to duly
9 authorized military organizations when on duty; nor to members when at, or going to or from,
10 their customary places of assembly; nor to any individual employed in the capacity of warden,
11 associate warden, major, captain, lieutenant, sergeant, correctional officer or investigator at any
12 project owned or operated by a municipal detention facility corporation, including the Donald W.
13 Wyatt Detention Facility; nor to the regular and/or ordinary transportation of pistols or revolvers
14 as merchandise; nor to any person while transporting a pistol, or revolvers, unloaded from the
15 place of purchase to their residence; or place of business, from their residence to their place of
16 business or from their place of business to their residence, or to a federal firearms licensee for the
17 purpose of sale, to or from a bona fide gunsmith, or firearms repair facility, to any police station
18 or other location designated as a site of a bona fide "gun buy-back" program, but only if said
19 pistol or revolver is unloaded and any ammunition for said pistol or revolver is not readily or
20 directly accessible from the passenger compartment of such vehicle while transporting same and
21 further provided, that in the case of a vehicle without a compartment separate from the passenger
22 compartment, the firearm or the ammunition shall be stored in a locked container.

23 (b) Persons exempted by the provisions of this section from the provisions of § 11-47-8
24 shall have the right to carry concealed firearms everywhere within this state; provided, that this
25 shall not be construed as giving the right to carry concealed firearms to a person transporting
26 firearms as merchandise or as household or business goods.

27 (c) The state of Rhode Island shall recognize and honor a valid concealed weapons permit
28 issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the state of Connecticut, or the state of Utah.
29 Individuals so permitted shall be exempted from the provisions of §11-47-8, and shall have the
30 right to carry a concealed firearm everywhere within this state.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would specifically allow individuals who possess a valid concealed weapon
2 permit issued by Massachusetts, Connecticut, or Utah to carry a concealed firearm everywhere
3 within Rhode Island.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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