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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS

Introduced By: Representatives Canario, Noret, Johnston, Filippi, and Edwards

Date Introduced: April 10, 2019

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-47-20 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-47 entitled "Weapons"

2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-47-20. Sale or possession of silencers.**

4 It shall be unlawful within this state to manufacture, sell, purchase, or possess any  
5 muffler, silencer, or device for deadening or muffling the sound of a firearm when discharged;  
6 provided however, that this section shall not apply to law enforcement officers utilizing said  
7 devices while acting within the scope of their official duties or while training as tactical teams  
8 and under the direct supervision of the police chief of his or her department or the colonel of the  
9 state police or their designee. Violations of this section shall be punished by imprisonment for not  
10 less than one year and one day.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would allow law enforcement officers to utilize mufflers, silencers, or other  
2 devices for deadening or muffling the sound of a firearm while acting within the scope of their  
3 official duties or while training as tactical teams and under the supervision of the police chief of  
4 his or her department or the colonel of the state police or their designee.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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