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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

Introduced By: Senator Joshua Miller

Date Introduced: February 25, 2020

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

(Governor/Attorney General)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-47-23 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-47 entitled "Weapons"

2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-47-23. ~~False information in securing firearm or license~~ False information in**  
4 **securing firearm or license - Straw purchases.**

5 (a) No person shall, in purchasing or otherwise securing delivery of a ~~shotgun, rifle, pistol,~~  
6 ~~or revolver~~ firearm, or in applying for a license or permit to carry it, give false information or offer  
7 false evidence of his or her identity. ~~Violation of the provisions of this section may be punished by~~  
8 ~~a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), imprisonment for not more than five (5)~~  
9 ~~years, or both.~~

10 (b) No person shall knowingly purchase or otherwise obtain a firearm on behalf of another  
11 person, or transfer a firearm to another person, whom the transferor knows or reasonably should  
12 know is prohibited from possessing a firearm under federal or state law.

13 (c) A first violation of the provisions of this section may be punished by a fine of not more  
14 than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, or both. A  
15 second and subsequent violation of the provisions of this section may be punished by a fine of not  
16 more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, or both.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would prohibit obtaining a firearm on behalf of another person if that person is  
2 prohibited from possessing a firearm, and would increase the penalties for a second and subsequent  
3 purchase of firearms by use of false information.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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