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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

Introduced By: Representatives Noret, Baginski, Solomon, Hull, Casimiro, McNamara,
Phillips, Cardillo, Corvese, and J. Brien

Date Introduced: March 01, 2023

Referred To: House Judiciary

(RI State Police)

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 muffler,

5 silencer, or device for deadening or muffling the sound of a firearm when discharged; provided,

6 however, that this section shall not apply to sworn members of the Rhode Island state police

7 utilizing such devices while acting within the scope of their official duties and training as part of

8 its tactical team and under the direct supervision of the colonel of the state police, or designee.

9 Violations of this section shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year and one day.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would allow sworn members of the Rhode Island state police to utilize mufflers,
2 silencers, or other devices for deadening or muffling the sound of a firearm while acting within the
3 scope of their official duties while training its tactical team and under the supervision of the colonel
4 of the state police, or designee.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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