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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

Introduced By: Representatives Hull, Cardillo, Noret, Finkelman, and Azzinaro

Date Introduced: March 30, 2023

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 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 any municipal police department
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 chief of the respective municipal police
9 department, or designee. Violations of this section shall be punished by imprisonment for not less
10 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 sworn members of municipal police department 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 direct supervision of the
4 chief of the respective municipal police department, or designee.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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