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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

Introduced By: Representatives Dawson, Shanley, Noret, O'Brien, Casey, Knight, and
Boylan

Date Introduced: February 28, 2024

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11-47 of the General Laws entitled "Weapons" is hereby amended
2 by adding thereto the following section:

3 **11-47-51.2. Discharge of firearm or incendiary or explosive substance or device at**
4 **empty dwelling, building, ship, automobile or other conveyance.**

5 (a) No person shall unlawfully discharge a firearm or incendiary or explosive substance or
6 device with the intent to hit or fire into any unoccupied dwelling, building, other structure or ship,
7 automobile or other conveyance.

8 (b) Every person violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by imprisonment
9 for not more than ten (10) years and shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or
10 both.

11 (c) Any person injured as a result of a violation of this section shall be entitled to the civil
12 remedies provided by § 7-15-4.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would punish as a felony, the act of unlawfully discharging a firearm or incendiary
2 or explosive substance or device with the intent to hit or fire into any unoccupied dwelling, building,
3 other structure or ship, automobile or other conveyance.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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