STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS

Introduced By: Representatives Fox, Ehrhardt, O'Neill, Blazejewski, and Watson

Date Introduced: May 03, 2012

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

is hereby amended to read as follows:

11-47-42. Weapons other than firearms prohibited. -- (a) (1) No person shall carry or
possess or attempt to use against another any instrument or weapon of the kind commonly known
as a blackjack, slingshot, billy, sandclub, sandbag, metal knuckles, slap glove, bludgeon, stun-
gun, or the so called "Kung-Fu" weapons.

(2) No person shall nor shall any person,
wear or carry concealed upon his person, any of
the above-mentioned instruments or weapons, or any razor, or knife of any description having a
blade of more than three (3) inches in length measuring from the end of the handle where the
blade is attached to the end of the blade, or other weapon of like kind or description.

Any person violating the provisions of this subsection shall be punished
by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars ($1,000) or by imprisonment for not more than
one year, or both, and the weapon so found shall be confiscated.

(2) Any person violating the provisions of this subsection while he or
she is incarcerated within the confines of the adult correctional institutions shall be punished by a
fine of not less than one thousand dollars ($1,000) nor more than three thousand dollars ($3,000),
or by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than five (5) years, or both, and the
weapon so found shall be confiscated.

(b) No person shall sell to a person under eighteen (18) years of age, without the
written authorization of the minor's parent or legal guardian, any stink bomb, blackjack, slingshot,
bill, sandclub, sandbag, metal knuckles, slap glove, bludgeon, stun gun, paint ball gun, so called
"kung-fu" weapons, dagger, dirk, stiletto, sword-in-cane, Bowie knife, razor, or knife of any
description having a blade of more than three inches (3") in length as described in subsection (a)
of this section, or any multi-pronged star with sharpened edges designed to be used as a weapon
and commonly known as a Chinese throwing star, except that an individual who is actually
engaged in the instruction of martial arts and licensed under section 5-43-1 may carry and possess
any multi-pronged star with sharpened edges for the sole purpose of instructional use. Any person
violating the provisions of this subsection shall be punished by a fine of not less than one
thousand dollars ($1,000) nor more than three thousand dollars ($3,000), or by imprisonment for
not less than one year nor more than five (5) years, or both, and the weapons so found shall be
confiscated.

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

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1 This act would include crossbows as a weapon prohibited under the provisions of the
general laws which prohibit the possession of certain weapons.

2 This act would take effect upon passage.
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