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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ESTABLISHING THE "FIREARM SAFETY  
TRIGGER LOCK DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM"

Introduced By: Representatives Costantino, Ucci, Almeida, and Shekarchi

Date Introduced: January 23, 2019

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 23 of the General Laws entitled "HEALTH AND SAFETY" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 95

4 THE "FIREARM SAFETY LOCK DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM"

5 **23-95-1. Short Title.**

6 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Firearm Safety Lock Distribution  
7 Program."

8 **23-95-2. Appropriation.**

9 The general assembly shall appropriate and the department of health shall maintain a  
10 program offering free gunlocks to resident gun owners. The method, manner and location of free  
11 gunlock distributions shall be approved by the director of health and may be in cooperation with  
12 state or local law enforcement agencies, the department of the attorney general or other approved  
13 governmental and/or private entities. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit or abrogate the  
14 requirements of § 11-47-60.3

15 **23-95-3. Additional resources.**

16 The department of health, together with state and local law enforcement agencies if  
17 required, shall coordinate free gun lock distribution with Project ChildSafe, the nationwide  
18 firearms safety education program or any other organization offering gun safety resources which

1 [are free of charge and necessary to implement this chapter.](#)

2 **23-95-4. Evaluation.**

3 [The firearm safety lock distribution program shall incorporate an on-going evaluation](#)  
4 [plan to determine the impact of the program on public safety.](#)

5 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would create a firearm safety lock distribution program administered by the
- 2 department of health.
- 3           This act would take effect on July 1, 2019.

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