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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

Introduced By: Representative Raymond H. Johnston

Date Introduced: February 27, 2019

Referred To: House Judiciary

(Attorney General)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-47-48.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-47 entitled
2 "Weapons" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-47-48.1. Report of lost or stolen weapons.**

4 Every person who owns a firearm shall report the loss or theft of their firearm to the ~~local~~
5 ~~law-enforcement agency~~ municipal police department in the town where the firearm was last
6 located or, if there is no such police department, to the Rhode Island state police, within twenty-
7 four (24) hours of the discovery of the loss or theft. Whoever knowingly violates this section shall
8 be punished by a fine of not less than ~~fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than~~ one hundred dollars
9 (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500), a term of imprisonment of not more than one
10 year, or both, and upon a second or subsequent conviction by a fine of not less than two hundred
11 fifty dollars (\$250) and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), a term of imprisonment of
12 not more than three (3) years, or both.

13 (b) Every person who knowingly makes a false report of a lost or stolen firearm shall be
14 punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) and up to five hundred dollars
15 (\$500), a term of imprisonment of not more than one year, or both, and upon a second or
16 subsequent conviction by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and not more
17 than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), a term of imprisonment of not more than three (3) years, or
18 both.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would enhance penalties for failure to report lost or stolen firearms to the police
2 department, and specify penalties for making a false report of lost or stolen firearms.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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