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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

Introduced By: Senators Miller, Lynch Prata, DiPalma, and Euer

Date Introduced: February 25, 2020

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

(Governor/Attorney General)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:


is hereby amended to read as follows:

11-47-23. False information in securing firearm or license False information in securing firearm or license - Straw purchases.

(a) No person shall, in purchasing or otherwise securing delivery of a shotgun, rifle, pistol, or revolver firearm, or in applying for a license or permit to carry it, give false information or offer false evidence of his or her identity. Violation of the provisions of this section may be punished by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars ($5,000), imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, or both.

(b) No person shall knowingly purchase or otherwise obtain a firearm on behalf of another person, or transfer a firearm to another person, whom the transferor knows or reasonably should know is prohibited from possessing a firearm under federal or state law.

(c) A first violation of the provisions of this section may be punished by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars ($5,000), imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, or both. A second and subsequent violation of the provisions of this section may be punished by a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars ($10,000), imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, or both.
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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1 This act would prohibit obtaining a firearm on behalf of another person if that person is
2 prohibited from possessing a firearm, and would increase the penalties for a second and subsequent
3 purchase of firearms by use of false information.
4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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