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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

Introduced By: Representatives Noret, Casey, Fellela, Casimiro, Knight, Baginski, Vella-  
Wilkinson, and Corvese

Date Introduced: February 24, 2021

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 11-47-17.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-47 entitled "Weapons"  
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **11-47-17.1. Mandatory or discretionary nature of § 11-47-15.1 requirements --**  
4 **Qualification reports to be filed.**

5           (a) All law enforcement officers of this state and its political subdivisions, whose  
6 permanent appointment shall take place later than June 6, 1970, shall be required to qualify with  
7 the pistol or revolver with which they are armed prior to their permanent appointment, that  
8 qualification to be as required in §§ 11-47-15.1 and 11-47-15.3. All permanent appointed law  
9 enforcement officers of this state and its political subdivisions who are required to qualify under §  
10 11-47-17 may, at the discretion of the officer, qualify under either § 11-47-15, 11-47-15.1 or 11-  
11 47-15.3. The failure of any law enforcement officer to qualify under the provisions of this section  
12 revokes his or her privilege of carrying a pistol or revolver, whether concealed or not, on or about  
13 his or her person. Qualification under this section will be required ~~at periods of not more than one~~  
14 ~~year,~~ two (2) times per year at intervals of at least four (4) months, except for correctional officers  
15 who must repeat this qualification ~~every two (2) years~~ one time per year. Provided further, effective  
16 January 1, 2022, the qualification requirements pursuant to this section shall include a nighttime,  
17 low light/no light qualification component which shall simulate dusk to dawn lighting conditions  
18 which conditions may be artificially produced indoors.

19           (b) Copies of all of the qualification reports shall be filed with the office of the attorney

1 general.

2 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would mandate that police officers qualify in the use of firearms in both daylight  
2 and nighttime conditions two (2) times per year and that correctional officers qualify every year  
3 instead of once every two (2) years.

4           This act would take effect on July 1, 2021.

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