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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - HUNTING AND HUNTING SAFETY

Introduced By: Representative Donald J. Lally

Date Introduced: February 16, 2012

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 20-13-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 20-13 entitled "Hunting  
2 and Hunting Safety" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **20-13-5. Issuance of licenses.** -- (a) The clerk of every town or city, or a special agent,  
4 shall, upon the application of any eligible person and the payment of the license fee, issue to that  
5 person a license to pursue, hunt, and kill game in the state during the open season with firearms or  
6 by bow and arrow with an archer's permit; provided, however, that no license shall be granted to  
7 or possessed by:

8           (1) Any person under fifteen (15) years of age; provided, however, a junior hunting  
9 license may be obtained for persons age twelve (12) to fourteen (14) years of age upon the  
10 completion of a basic hunter's safety course; and further provided, that they shall hunt only in the  
11 immediate company of a qualified licensed adult twenty-one (21) years of age or over;

12           (2) Any person who has been convicted of a crime of violence or who is a fugitive from  
13 justice, as defined in section 11-47-2 of the Firearms Act; [provided, however, this disqualification](#)  
14 [shall not apply to a person solely seeking an archer's permit](#); or

15           (3) Any person who is under guardianship, treatment or confinement by virtue of being a  
16 mental incompetent, or who has been adjudicated or is under treatment or confinement as a drug  
17 addict, or who has been adjudicated or is under treatment or confinement as a habitual drunkard.

18           (b) Any person affected by the provisions of subsection (a)(3), other than a person who  
19 has been pronounced criminally insane by a competent medical authority, after a lapse of a period

1 of five (5) years from the date of being pronounced cured by a competent medical authority, may  
2 obtain a license upon the presentation of an affidavit issued by a competent medical authority to  
3 the effect that that person is a mentally stable person and a proper person to possess a hunting  
4 license. If that person has no other disqualifying record, he or she will be allowed to purchase and  
5 possess a hunting license.

6 (c) Every hunting license shall be printed or stamped upon some durable material and  
7 shall bear the name, age, occupation, place of residence, and an identifying description of the  
8 licensee, and shall expire on the last day of February next succeeding the date of issue, and may  
9 be revoked within the discretion of the director of environmental management. Every hunting  
10 license shall plainly and conspicuously indicate upon its face the year of issuance and shall be in  
11 the form prescribed by the director.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would exempt from the disqualification of obtaining a bow and arrow license a
- 2 person solely seeking an archer's permit.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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