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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS

Introduced By: Senator Maryellen Goodwin

Date Introduced: April 10, 2014

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 11-47-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-47 entitled "Weapons"  
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
3           **11-47-9. Persons exempt from restrictions.** -- (a) The provisions of ~~section~~ §11-47-8  
4 shall not apply to sheriffs; deputy sheriffs; the superintendent and members of the state police;  
5 members of the Rhode Island airport police department; members of the Rhode Island state  
6 marshals; Rhode Island state fire marshal; chief deputy state fire marshals; deputy state fire  
7 marshals assigned to the bomb squad; and those assigned to the investigation unit; Providence  
8 fire department arson investigators, provided that the investigator receiving the permit is a  
9 graduate of a police-training academy; correctional officers, within the department of  
10 corrections; members of the city or town police force; capitol police investigators of the  
11 department of attorney general appointed pursuant to ~~section~~ §42-9-8.1; the witness protection  
12 coordinator for the witness protection review board as set forth in chapter 30 of title 12 and  
13 subject to the minimum qualifications of ~~section~~ §42-9-8.1; ~~and~~ automobile theft investigators of  
14 the Rhode Island state police pursuant to ~~section~~ §31-50-1; railroad police while traveling to and  
15 from official assignments or while on assignments; conservation officers; or other duly  
16 appointed law enforcement officers; nor to members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine  
17 Corps of the United States, the National Guard, or organized reserves, when on duty; nor to  
18 members of organizations by law authorized to purchase or receive firearms from the United  
19 States or this state, provided these members are at, or going to or from, their places of assembly

1 or target practice; nor to officers or employees of the United States authorized by law to carry a  
2 concealed firearm; nor to any civilian guard or criminal investigator carrying sidearms or a  
3 concealed firearm in the performance of his or her official duties under the authority of the  
4 commanding officer of the military establishment in the state of Rhode Island where he or she is  
5 employed by the United States; nor to any civilian guard carrying sidearms or a concealed  
6 firearm in the performance of his or her official duties under the authority of the adjutant general  
7 where he or she is employed guarding a national guard facility, provided, that the commanding  
8 officer of the military establishment shall have on file with the attorney general of this state a list  
9 of the names and addresses of all civilian guards and criminal investigators so authorized; nor to  
10 duly authorized military organizations when on duty; nor to members when at, or going to or  
11 from, their customary places of assembly; nor to any individual employed in the capacity of  
12 warden, associate warden, major, captain, lieutenant, sergeant, correctional officer or investigator  
13 at any project owned or operated by a municipal detention facility corporation, including the  
14 Donald W. Wyatt Detention Facility; nor to the regular and/or ordinary transportation of pistols  
15 or revolvers as merchandise; nor to any person while transporting a pistol, or revolvers, unloaded  
16 from the place of purchase to their residence, or place of business, from their residence to their  
17 place of business or from their place of business to their residence; or to a Federal Firearms  
18 licensee for the purpose of sale, to or from a bona fide gunsmith, or firearms repair facility, to any  
19 police station or other location designated as a site of a bona fide "gun buy-back" program, but  
20 only if said pistol or revolver is unloaded and any ammunition for said pistol or revolver is not  
21 readily or directly accessible from the passenger compartment of such vehicle while transporting  
22 same and further provided, that in the case of a vehicle without a compartment separate from the  
23 passenger compartment, the firearm or the ammunition shall be stored in a locked container.

24 (b) Persons exempted by the provisions of this section from the provisions of ~~section~~  
25 §11-47-8 shall have the right to carry concealed firearms everywhere within this state; provided,  
26 that this shall not be construed as giving the right to carry concealed firearms to a person  
27 transporting firearms as merchandise or as household or business goods.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would permit Providence fire department arson investigators to carry firearms  
2 statewide.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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