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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS

Introduced By: Representatives Hull, McLaughlin, DaSilva, JP O'Neill, and Johnston

Date Introduced: March 03, 2011

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Sections 11-47-32 and 11-47-33 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-47
2 entitled "Weapons" are hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-47-32. Possession of ammunition by minor.** -- Except as provided in section 11-47-
4 33, it shall be unlawful within this state for any person under eighteen (18) years of age to possess
5 ~~and use~~ ammunition, including any priming charge of powder, propelling charge of powder, or
6 any form of missile or projectile to be ejected from a firearm.

7 **11-47-33. Possession of firearms by minors.** -- (a) It shall be unlawful within this state
8 for any person under eighteen (18) years of age to possess ~~and use~~ any firearm unless he or she
9 shall hold a permit as provided in section 11-47-34, and unless the person is in the presence of a
10 parent or guardian or supervising adult at any regular and recognized camp or rifle range
11 approved by the Rhode Island state police or by the chief of police of the city or town in which
12 the camp or rifle range is located; provided, that this provision shall not apply to minors engaged
13 in lawful hunting activity under the supervision of a parent or guardian or qualified adult, minors
14 participating in Reserve Officer Training Corps programs, ceremonial parade activities,
15 competitive and target shooting, participants in state militia activities and minors participating in
16 a basic firearms education program; provided, further, that a person under eighteen (18) years of
17 age may carry a firearm, unloaded, in a suitable case to and from his or her home and the camp or
18 range and from the camp or range to other camp or range when accompanied by a parent,
19 guardian or supervising adult.

1 (b) For purposes of this section only, "qualified adult" means any person twenty-one (21)
2 years of age or older and permitted by law to possess and use the firearm.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would make the possession of ammunition and firearms by a minor unlawful
2 unless the minor holds a valid permit and is in the presence of a parent, guardian or supervising
3 adult, or falls into other legally provided exceptions.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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