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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

Introduced By: Representatives Flaherty, and Naughton

Date Introduced: March 03, 2011

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-47-39 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-47 entitled "Weapons"  
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-47-39. Issuance and conditions of dealer's license. --** The duly constituted licensing  
4 authorities of any city, town, or political subdivision of this state may grant licenses in form  
5 prescribed by the attorney general effective for not more than one year from date of issue  
6 permitting the licensee to sell pistols and revolvers at retail within this state, subject to the  
7 following conditions in addition to those specified in sections 11-47-35 and 11-47-36, for breach  
8 of any of which the license shall be forfeited and the licensee subject to punishment as provided  
9 in this chapter:

10 (1) The business shall be carried on only in the building designated in the license.

11 (2) The license or a copy of it, certified by the issuing authority, shall be displayed on the  
12 premises where it can easily be read.

13 (3) No pistol or revolver shall be sold in violation of any provision of this chapter, nor  
14 shall a pistol or revolver be sold under any circumstances unless the purchaser is personally  
15 known to the seller or shall present clear evidence of his or her identity.

16 (4) The fee for issuing the license shall be five dollars (\$5.00). The fee charged for the  
17 issuing of the license shall be applied for the use and benefit of the city or town.

18 (5) A dealer's license to sell pistols, revolvers or other firearms shall not be issued to an  
19 individual if said individual intends to operate his/her business within five hundred feet (500') of

1 a public, private or parochial school or public place of worship.

2 (6) The provisions of this section shall be prospective and shall not apply to licenses  
3 granted prior thereto. All such licenses shall be "grandfathered," and shall be exempt from the  
4 provision of the five hundred foot (500') buffer zone.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and shall only apply prospectively to  
6 weapons dealers licenses issued on or after the effective date thereof.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would create a buffer zone to prohibit a dealer sales license for weapons to be  
2 issued for a location within 500 feet of a public, private, parochial school or a place of public  
3 worship. This act would be prospective and all licenses previously granted shall be grandfathered  
4 in and not subject to the 500 foot buffer zone.

5           This act would take effect upon passage, and would only apply prospectively to weapons  
6 dealers licenses issued on or after the effective date thereof.

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