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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES

Introduced By: Senators Goldin, Conley, Goodwin, Satchell, and Lynch

Date Introduced: February 28, 2013

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

(Attorney General)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-47-24 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-47 entitled "Weapons"
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-47-24. Alteration of marks of identification on firearms. --** (a) No person shall
4 change, alter, remove, or obliterate the name of the maker, model, manufacturer's number, or
5 other mark of identification on any firearm.

6 (b) No person shall receive, transport, or possess any firearm which has had any maker,
7 model, manufacturer's number or other mark of identification removed, altered, or obliterated.

8 (c) Possession of any firearm upon which any of these marks shall have been changed,
9 altered, removed, or obliterated shall be prima facie evidence that the possessor has changed,
10 altered, removed, or obliterated it.

11 (d) Violation of the provisions of this section may be punished by imprisonment for not
12 more than five (5) years.

13 (e) This section shall not apply to antique and collectible weapons legally possessed by
14 collectors and dealers of firearms as provided in section 11-47-25.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would make it unlawful for any person to receive, transport or possess any
2 firearm which has had any maker, model, manufacturer's number or other mark of identification
3 removed, altered, or obliterated, except for antique and collectible weapons legally possessed by
4 collectors and dealers of firearms.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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