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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY MINORS

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, Messier, O'Neill, Silva, and Cimini

Date Introduced: February 16, 2012

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

3           **11-47-33. Possession of firearms by minors.** -- (a) It shall be unlawful within this state  
4 for any person under eighteen (18) years of age to possess ~~and use~~ any firearm unless he or she  
5 shall hold a permit as provided in section 11-47-34, and unless the person is in the presence of a  
6 parent or guardian or supervising adult at any regular and recognized camp or rifle range  
7 approved by the Rhode Island state police or by the chief of police of the city or town in which  
8 the camp or rifle range is located; provided, that this provision shall not apply to minors engaged  
9 in lawful hunting activity under the supervision of a parent or guardian or qualified adult, minors  
10 participating in Reserve Officer Training Corps programs, ceremonial parade activities,  
11 competitive and target shooting, participants in state militia activities and minors participating in  
12 a basic firearms education program; provided, further, that a person under eighteen (18) years of  
13 age may carry a firearm, unloaded, in a suitable case to and from his or her home and the camp or  
14 range and from the camp or range to other camp or range when accompanied by a parent,  
15 guardian or supervising adult.

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

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require all minors in possession of a firearm, with or without a permit, be  
2 in the presence of a parent or guardian or supervising adult at all times.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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