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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS

Introduced By: Representatives Cimini, Ajello, Carnevale, DaSilva, and Williams

Date Introduced: March 01, 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) This provision shall not apply to such persons that:

17 (1) Hold a permit as provided in section 11-47-34 and are in the presence of a parent or
18 guardian or supervising adult at any regular and recognized camp or rifle range approved by the
19 Rhode Island state police or by the chief of police of the city or town in which the camp or rifle

1 range is located:

2 (2) Are engaged in lawful hunting activity under the supervision of a parent or guardian
3 or qualified adult; or

4 (3) Are participating in Reserve Officer Training Corps programs, ceremonial parade
5 activities, competitive and target shooting, participants in state militia activities or minors
6 participating in a basic firearms education program.

7 (c) A person under eighteen (18) years of age may carry a firearm, unloaded and encased,
8 in a suitable case to and from his or her home and the camp or range and from the camp or range
9 to another camp or range when accompanied by a parent, guardian or supervising adult.

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

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide that anyone under the age of eighteen (18) years of age would not
2 possess a firearm unless they fall within certain specific exceptions.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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