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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS

Introduced By: Representatives Fox, Ehrhardt, O'Neill, Blazejewski, and Watson

Date Introduced: May 03, 2012

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 11-47-42 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-47 entitled "Weapons"  
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **11-47-42. Weapons other than firearms prohibited.** -- (a) (1) No person shall carry or  
4 possess or attempt to use against another any instrument or weapon of the kind commonly known  
5 as a blackjack, slingshot, billy, sandclub, sandbag, metal knuckles, slap glove, bludgeon, stun-  
6 gun, or the so called "Kung-Fu" weapons, nor shall any person, with intent to use unlawfully  
7 against another, carry or possess a [crossbow](#), dagger, dirk, stiletto, sword-in-cane, bowie knife, or  
8 other similar weapon designed to cut and stab another, nor shall any person wear or carry  
9 concealed upon his person, any of the above-mentioned instruments or weapons, or any razor, or  
10 knife of any description having a blade of more than three (3) inches in length measuring from  
11 the end of the handle where the blade is attached to the end of the blade, or other weapon of like  
12 kind or description. Any person violating the provisions of this subsection shall be punished by a  
13 fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or by imprisonment for not more than one  
14 year, or both, and the weapon so found shall be confiscated.

15           (2) Any person violating the provisions of this subsection while he or she is incarcerated  
16 within the confines of the adult correctional institutions shall be punished by a fine of not less  
17 than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000), or by  
18 imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than five (5) years, or both, and the weapon so  
19 found shall be confiscated.

1           (b) No person shall sell to a person under eighteen (18) years of age, without the written  
2 authorization of the minor's parent or legal guardian, any stink bomb, blackjack, slingshot, bill,  
3 sandclub, sandbag, metal knuckles, slap glove, bludgeon, stungun, paint ball gun, so called  
4 "kung-fu" weapons, dagger, dirk, stiletto, sword-in-cane, bowie knife, razor, or knife of any  
5 description having a blade of more than three inches (3") in length as described in subsection (a)  
6 of this section, or any multi-pronged star with sharpened edges designed to be used as a weapon  
7 and commonly known as a Chinese throwing star, except that an individual who is actually  
8 engaged in the instruction of martial arts and licensed under section 5-43-1 may carry and possess  
9 any multi-pronged star with sharpened edges for the sole purpose of instructional use. Any person  
10 violating the provisions of this subsection shall be punished by a fine of not less than one  
11 thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000), or by imprisonment for  
12 not less than one year nor more than five (5) years, or both, and the weapons so found shall be  
13 confiscated.

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

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1           This act would include crossbows as a weapon prohibited under the provisions of the  
2 general laws which prohibit the possession of certain weapons.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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