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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: Senator Michael J. McCaffrey

Date Introduced: March 01, 2012

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 11-47 of the General Laws entitled "Weapons" is hereby amended  
2 by adding thereto the following section:

3           **11-47-20.4. Body armor. --** It shall be unlawful within this state for any person to  
4 purchase, own or possess body armor, if that person has been convicted of a felony that is a crime  
5 of violence. It shall be an affirmative defense under this section that the defendant obtained prior  
6 written certification from his or her employer that the defendant's purchase, use or possession of  
7 body armor was necessary for the safe performance of lawful business activity. Any person who  
8 violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than three  
9 (3) years, or a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or both.

10           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 purchase, own or possess body armor,
- 2   if that person has been convicted of a felony that is a crime of violence.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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