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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, Felag, and McCaffrey

Date Introduced: April 30, 2014

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-47-20 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-47 entitled "Weapons"
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-47-20. Sale or possession of silencers.** – (a) It shall be unlawful within this state to
4 manufacture, sell, purchase, or possess any muffler, silencer, or device for deadening or muffling
5 the sound of a firearm when discharged. Violations of this section shall be punished by
6 imprisonment for not less than one year and one day.

7 (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to full-time members of the state police,
8 full-time members of city or town police departments, persons licensed under §§ 11-47-9 and 11-
9 47-11, or to sales of air rifles or "BB" guns or to sales of antique firearms as defined in § 11-47-2.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would exempt law enforcement and military officers, and "BB" guns and air
- 2 rifles from the state prohibition against the sale of firearm silencers.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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