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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WILDLIFE REFUGES

Introduced By: Senator Walter S. Felag

Date Introduced: February 12, 2015

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-47-50 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-47 entitled "Weapons"  
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-47-50. Firing without landowner's permission -- Firing in compact area. -- (+)**

4 Every person, not being at the time under military duty, who shall discharge any firearm, "BB  
5 gun", or other contrivance arranged to discharge shot, bullets, arrows, darts, or other missiles  
6 within the compact part of any city or town, or who shall discharge a firearm or other contrivance  
7 elsewhere, except upon land owned or occupied by him or her or by permission of the owner or  
8 occupant of the land on or into which he or she may shoot, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and  
9 shall be subject to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500), or one year in prison, or both;  
10 provided, that any city or town may by ordinance permit the discharge on non-posted land. The  
11 discharge of any such firearm, "BB gun" or other contrivance within two thousand five hundred  
12 feet (2,500') of any recognized wildlife refuge, including, but not limited to, any refuge or  
13 preserve maintained by the Audubon Society of Rhode Island, shall be prohibited and punished in  
14 accordance with the provisions of this section.

15 ~~(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the owner of land who uses, or who~~  
16 ~~gives permission to another to use without charge, a recurve, compound or longbow, provided~~  
17 ~~that they are not used within two hundred fifty feet (250') of a dwelling house.~~

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

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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- 1           This act would provide a protected area around recognized wildlife refuges in which
- 2 hunting with weapons would be prohibited.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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