

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS

Introduced By: Senators Rogers, Raptakis, de la Cruz, and Lombardo

Date Introduced: March 04, 2021

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-47-10 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-47 entitled "Weapons"  
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 ~~11-47-10. License or permit not required to carry to target range. Carrying of~~  
4 ~~concealed handguns without a permit - License or permit not required to carry to target~~  
5 ~~range.~~

6 (a) A lawful resident of this state, who is twenty-one (21) years of age or older, who is not  
7 otherwise prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm, shall be allowed to carry a concealed  
8 handgun, without a permit subject to the following conditions:

9 (1) The individual must have a certificate of qualification issued in accordance with § 11-  
10 47-15 (law enforcement personnel may submit a Certification of the RI Combat Course) from an  
11 N.R.A. instructor or a police range office. The certificate must include the date of the qualification,  
12 the printed name, phone number of the instructor, instructor N.R.A. number, the caliber of the  
13 weapon and a passing score. The qualification certification may not be more than four (4) years  
14 old.

15 (2) The individual must have a pistol/revolver safety certificate or hunter safety certificate,  
16 issued and/or recognized by the Rhode Island department of environmental management.

17 (3) The individual must have in his or her possession, a valid photo identification issued  
18 by a state or governmental agency and present the identification immediately, upon demand by a  
19 law enforcement officer.

1           ~~(a)~~(b) No license or permit shall be required for the purpose of carrying or transporting any  
2 pistol or revolver from one's home or place of business to a bona fide target practice range, nor  
3 from a bona fide target practice range to one's home or place of business, to engage in any shoot  
4 meet, or practice, provided that the pistol or revolver is broken down, unloaded and carried as  
5 openly as circumstances will permit, or provided that the pistols or revolvers are unloaded and  
6 secured in a separate container suitable for the purpose.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would permit Rhode Island residents, twenty-one (21) years of age or older, to  
2 carry a concealed handgun, without a permit, subject to meeting three (3) conditions: (1) That the  
3 handgun carrier must possess a certificate of qualification of shooting proficiency; (2) As well as a  
4 safety certificate recognized by the Rhode Island department of environmental management; and  
5 (3) They must have in their possession a governmental issued photo identification.

6           This act would take effect upon passage.

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