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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: Representatives Shekarchi, Finn, Tanzi, Ferri, and Handy

Date Introduced: March 04, 2014

Referred To: House Judiciary

(by request)

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 **11-47-63. Possession of firearms in airports.** – (a) No person shall possess or transport
4 or attempt to transport any firearm through any security checkpoint or in any restricted area on
5 airport property.

6 (1) For the purpose of this section, "airport property" means the property of any public
7 airport facility as defined in § 1-2-3.1.

8 (2) Every person violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction be
9 sentenced to imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than five (5) years, or shall be
10 fined not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

11 (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any person who shall be exempt
12 pursuant to the provisions of § 11-47-9 while in the performance of duty or individuals with
13 documented authorization to carry weapons onto an airline consistent with applicable federal
14 aviation regulations.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would restrict the possession or transportation of firearms at airports.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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