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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: Senator Harold M. Metts

Date Introduced: March 04, 2014

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

(Attorney General)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-47-33 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-47 entitled "Weapons"

2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-47-33. Possession of firearms by minors.** -- (a) It shall be unlawful within this state
4 for any person under eighteen (18) years of age to possess and use any firearm. ~~unless he or she~~
5 ~~shall hold a permit as provided in section 11-47-34, and unless the person is in the presence of a~~
6 ~~parent or guardian or supervising adult at any regular and recognized camp or rifle range~~
7 ~~approved by the Rhode Island state police or by the chief of police of the city or town in which~~
8 ~~the camp or rifle range is located; provided, that this provision shall not apply to minors engaged~~
9 ~~in lawful hunting activity under the supervision of a parent or guardian or qualified adult, minors~~
10 ~~participating in Reserve Officer Training Corps programs, ceremonial parade activities,~~
11 ~~competitive and target shooting, participants in state militia activities and minors participating in~~
12 ~~a basic firearms education program; provided, further, that a person under eighteen (18) years of~~
13 ~~age may carry a firearm, unloaded, in a suitable case to and from his or her home and the camp or~~
14 ~~range and from the camp or range to other camp or range when accompanied by a parent,~~
15 ~~guardian or supervising adult.~~

16 (b) This provision shall not apply to any persons that:

17 (1) Are in the presence of a parent or guardian or qualified adult at any regular and
18 recognized rifle range;

19 (2) Are engaged in lawful hunting activity as provided in § 20-13-5;

1 (3) Are participating in competitive or target shooting when accompanied by a parent,
2 guardian or qualified adult; or

3 (4) Are participating in Reserve Officer Training Corps programs, ceremonial parade
4 activities, participants in state militia activities, or minors participating in a basic firearms
5 education program.

6 (c) When accompanied by a parent, guardian or qualified adult, a person under eighteen
7 (18) years of age may transport a firearm, unloaded and encased in a hard-sided, locked case to
8 and from his or her home and the range, and from the range to another range; or to and from his
9 or her home when the firearm is being lawfully purchased or repaired.

10 ~~(b)~~(d) For purposes of this section only, "qualified adult" means any person twenty-one
11 (21) years of age or older and permitted by law to possess and use ~~the~~ a firearm.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide for limited exceptions to the provisions of the general laws
2 prohibiting the possession of a firearm by minors while a minor is in the presence of a qualified
3 adult or participating in certain competitive or ceremonial events.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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