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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2006

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

Introduced By: Senators Polisen, and Damiani

Date Introduced: February 09, 2006

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Sections 11-47-11 and 11-47-18 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-47
2 entitled "Weapons" are hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-47-11. License or permit to carry concealed pistol or revolver.** -- (a) The licensing
4 authorities of any city or town shall, upon application of any person twenty-one (21) years of age
5 or over having a bona fide residence or place of business within the city or town, or of any person
6 twenty-one (21) years of age or over having a bona fide residence within the United States and a
7 license or permit to carry a pistol or revolver concealed upon his or her person issued by the
8 authorities of any other state or subdivision of the United States, issue a license or permit to the
9 person to carry concealed upon his or her person a pistol or revolver everywhere within this state
10 for four (4) years from date of issue, if it appears that the applicant has good reason to fear an
11 injury to his or her person or property or has any other proper reason for carrying a pistol or
12 revolver, and that he or she is a suitable person to be so licensed. The license or permit shall be in
13 triplicate in form to be prescribed by the attorney general and shall bear the fingerprint,
14 photograph, name, address, description, and signature of the licensee and the reason given for
15 desiring a license or permit and in no case shall it contain the serial number of any firearm. The
16 original shall be delivered to the licensee. Any member of the licensing authority, its agents,
17 servants, and employees shall be immune from suit in any action, civil or criminal, based upon
18 any official act or decision, performed or made in good faith in issuing a license or permit under
19 this chapter. [A person who has a valid license issued by another state to carry a concealed pistol](#)

1 [or revolver in that state and which grants to residents of Rhode Island the right to carry a](#)
2 [concealed pistol or revolver without requiring a separate license to carry a concealed pistol or](#)
3 [revolver issued by that state may, subject to the provisions of Rhode Island law, carry a concealed](#)
4 [pistol or revolver in Rhode Island, and such other state's license is valid in Rhode Island.](#)

5 (b) Notwithstanding any other chapter or section of the general laws of the state of
6 Rhode Island, the licensing authority of any city or town shall not provide or release to any
7 individual, firm, association or corporation the name, address, or date of birth of any person who
8 has held or currently holds a license or permit to carry a concealed pistol or revolver. This section
9 shall not be construed to prohibit the release of any statistical data of a general nature relative to
10 age, gender and racial or ethnic background nor shall it be construed to prevent the release of
11 information to parties involved in any prosecution of section 11-47-8 or in response to a lawful
12 subpoena in any criminal or civil action which the person is a party to that action.

13 **11-47-18. License or permit issued by attorney general on showing of need --**
14 **Issuance to retired police officers.** -- (a) The attorney general may issue a license or permit to
15 any person twenty-one (21) years of age or over to carry a pistol or revolver, whether concealed
16 or not, upon his or her person upon a proper showing of need, subject to the provisions of sections
17 11-47-12 and 11-47-15; that license or permit may be issued notwithstanding the provisions of
18 section 11-47-7. [A person who has a valid license issued by another state to carry a concealed](#)
19 [pistol or revolver in that state and which grants to residents of Rhode Island the right to carry a](#)
20 [concealed pistol or revolver without requiring a separate license to carry a concealed pistol or](#)
21 [revolver issued by that state may, subject to the provisions of Rhode Island law, carry a concealed](#)
22 [pistol or revolver in Rhode Island, and such other state's license is valid in Rhode Island.](#)

23 (b) All state police officers and permanent members of city and town police forces of
24 this state who have retired in good standing after at least twenty (20) years of service, or retired in
25 good standing due to a physical disability other than a psychological impairment, may be issued a
26 license or permit by the attorney general subject to the provisions of sections 11-47-12 and 11-47-
27 15. Any member of the licensing authority, and its agents, servants, and employees shall be
28 immune from suit in any action, civil or criminal, based upon any official act or decision,
29 performed or made in good faith in issuing a license or permit under this chapter.

30 (c) Notwithstanding any other chapter or section of the general laws of the state of
31 Rhode Island, the attorney general shall not provide or release to any individual, firm, association
32 or corporation the name, address, or date of birth of any person who has held or currently holds a
33 license or permit to carry a concealed pistol or revolver. This section shall not be construed to
34 prohibit the release of any statistical data of a general nature relative to age, gender and racial or

1 ethnic background nor shall it be construed to prevent the release of information to parties
2 involved in any prosecution of section 11-47-8 or in response to a lawful subpoena in any
3 criminal or civil action which said person is a party to such action.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide that a person possessing a license or permit for a concealed pistol
2 or revolver, issued by another state which grants Rhode Island residents reciprocity with respect
3 to concealed pistol permits, would be considered to have a valid concealed pistol permit in Rhode
4 Island.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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