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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

Introduced By: Senators LaMountain, Quezada, McKenney, Euer, Burke, and Tikoian

Date Introduced: February 01, 2023

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.**

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

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

9 **11-47-18. License or permit issued by attorney general on showing of need — Issuance**  
10 **to retired police officers.**

11 (a) The attorney general may issue a license or permit to any person twenty-one (21) years  
12 of age or over to carry a pistol or revolver, whether concealed or not, upon his or her person upon  
13 a proper showing of need, subject to the provisions of §§ 11-47-12 and 11-47-15; that license or  
14 permit may be issued notwithstanding the provisions of § 11-47-7. [Any person who resides in](#)  
15 [another state, whether the person has a license or permit to carry a pistol or revolver issued by that,](#)  
16 [or any other state, shall be subject to all requirements in this section.](#)

17 (b) All state police officers and permanent members of city and town police forces of this  
18 state who have retired in good standing after at least twenty (20) years of service, or retired in good  
19 standing due to a physical disability other than a psychological impairment, may be issued a license  
20 or permit by the attorney general subject to the provisions of §§ 11-47-12 and 11-47-15. [If any such](#)  
21 [retired police officer resides outside the State of Rhode Island, the person shall be subject to the](#)  
22 [requirements of subsection \(a\) of this section.](#) The term “in good standing” means that at the time  
23 of retirement, the police officer was not facing disciplinary action that could have resulted in his or  
24 her termination for misconduct or unfitness for office. Any member of the licensing authority, and  
25 its agents, servants, and employees shall be immune from suit in any action, civil or criminal, based  
26 upon any official act or decision, performed or made in good faith in issuing a license or permit  
27 under this chapter.

28 (c) Notwithstanding any other chapter or section of the general laws of the state of Rhode  
29 Island, the attorney general shall not provide or release to any individual, firm, association or  
30 corporation the name, address, or date of birth of any person who has held or currently holds a  
31 license or permit to carry a concealed pistol or revolver. This section shall not be construed to  
32 prohibit the release of any statistical data of a general nature relative to age, gender and racial or  
33 ethnic background nor shall it be construed to prevent the release of information to parties involved  
34 in any prosecution of § 11-47-8 or in response to a lawful subpoena in any criminal or civil action

1 which said person is a party to such action.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would prohibit any city or town from issuing a license or permit to carry a  
2   concealed weapon to any individual on the basis that person has a license or permit from another  
3   state. Cities and towns would be restricted to issuing licenses or permits to those individuals who  
4   reside or who have a business within that city or town. This act would also require that any out-of-  
5   state applicant meet all the requirements of § 11-47-18 before being issued a license or permit to  
6   carry a concealed weapon.

7           This act would take effect upon passage.

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