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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

Introduced By: Representatives Donovan, Boylan, Tanzi, Alzate, Speakman, Cortvriend,
Casimiro, Cruz, Furtado, and Potter
Date Introduced: February 27, 2026
Referred To: House Judiciary

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 **11-47-60.5. Suicide awareness at shooting ranges.**
- 4 (a) For purposes of this section:
- 5 (1) "Firearm" shall have the same definition as provided in § 11-55-1; and
- 6 (2) "Shooting range" means a rifle, pistol, silhouette, skeet, trap, black powder, or other
7 similar range designed and operated for the use of firearms on site, including any range located on
8 public or private land or operated by a public or private entity.
- 9 (b) Every shooting range shall conspicuously display a sign containing the information set
10 forth is subsection (c) of this section, in any areas where shooting activity occurs. The required
11 signs shall be posted in a manner in order that they can be easily viewed by people utilizing the
12 shooting range and shall not be removed, obscured or rendered illegible.
- 13 (c) Each sign shall be at least eight and one-half inches (8.5") high by eleven inches (11")
14 wide and feature black text against a white background and letters that are in at least thirty-six (36)
15 point font. The signs shall contain the following text, in English and Spanish: "WARNING: If you
16 or a loved one is experiencing distress and/or depression, call the 988 Suicide and Crisis hotline or
17 text "HOME" to 741741". The signs shall not contain any other text.
- 18 (d) A shooting range that operates on a membership basis shall require any person who is
19 not a member of the shooting range, to be accompanied at all times by a member of the range or

- 1 [staff member of the range while on the premises and while engaging in shooting activity.](#)
- 2 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require any shooting range operating in this state to post signs in any area
2 in which shooting occurs that contain the following language: “WARNING: If you or a loved one
3 is experiencing distress and/or depression, call the 988 Suicide and Crisis hotline or text “HOME”
4 to 741741” and the signs would not contain any other text.

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