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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS

Introduced By: Representatives Lally, and O'Neill

Date Introduced: February 28, 2012

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 **11-47-20.4. Body armor. --** It shall be unlawful within this state for any person to
4 purchase, own or possess body armor, if that person has been convicted of a felony that is a crime
5 of violence. It shall be an affirmative defense under this section that the defendant obtained prior
6 written certification from his or her employer that the defendant's purchase, use or possession of
7 body armor was necessary for the safe performance of lawful business activity. Any person who
8 violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than three
9 (3) years, or a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or both.

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

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EXPLANATION
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