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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 Fox, Ehrhardt, O'Neill, Blazejewski, and Watson

Date Introduced: May 03, 2012

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-47-42 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-47 entitled "Weapons"
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-47-42. Weapons other than firearms prohibited.** -- (a) (1) No person shall carry or
4 possess or attempt to use against another any instrument or weapon of the kind commonly known
5 as a blackjack, slingshot, billy, sandclub, sandbag, metal knuckles, slap glove, bludgeon, stun-
6 gun, or the so called "Kung-Fu" weapons;.

7 (2) No person shall ~~nor shall any person~~, with intent to use unlawfully against another,
8 carry or possess a crossbow, dagger, dirk, stiletto, sword-in-cane, bowie knife, or other similar
9 weapon designed to cut and stab another;.

10 (3) No person shall ~~nor shall any person~~ wear or carry concealed upon his person, any of
11 the above-mentioned instruments or weapons, or any razor, or knife of any description having a
12 blade of more than three (3) inches in length measuring from the end of the handle where the
13 blade is attached to the end of the blade, or other weapon of like kind or description.

14 Any person violating the provisions of ~~this subsection~~ these subsections shall be punished
15 by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or by imprisonment for not more than
16 one year, or both, and the weapon so found shall be confiscated.

17 (2) Any person violating the provisions of ~~this subsection~~ these subsections while he or
18 she is incarcerated within the confines of the adult correctional institutions shall be punished by a
19 fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000),

1 or by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than five (5) years, or both, and the
2 weapon so found shall be confiscated.

3 ~~(b)~~(e) No person shall sell to a person under eighteen (18) years of age, without the
4 written authorization of the minor's parent or legal guardian, any stink bomb, blackjack, slingshot,
5 bill, sandclub, sandbag, metal knuckles, slap glove, bludgeon, stungun, paint ball gun, so called
6 "kung-fu" weapons, dagger, dirk, stiletto, sword-in-cane, bowie knife, razor, or knife of any
7 description having a blade of more than three inches (3") in length as described in subsection (a)
8 of this section, or any multi-pronged star with sharpened edges designed to be used as a weapon
9 and commonly known as a Chinese throwing star, except that an individual who is actually
10 engaged in the instruction of martial arts and licensed under section 5-43-1 may carry and possess
11 any multi-pronged star with sharpened edges for the sole purpose of instructional use. Any person
12 violating the provisions of this subsection shall be punished by a fine of not less than one
13 thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000), or by imprisonment for
14 not less than one year nor more than five (5) years, or both, and the weapons so found shall be
15 confiscated.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would include crossbows as a weapon prohibited under the provisions of the
2 general laws which prohibit the possession of certain weapons.

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