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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

Introduced By: Representatives Johnston, and Canario

Date Introduced: February 15, 2018

Referred To: House Judiciary

(Attorney General)

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 **11-47-35.4. Sale or transfer to a party who is not intended owner or possessor.**

4 (a) No person shall knowingly purchase or otherwise obtain a firearm on behalf of or
5 transfer to a person who the transferor knows or reasonably should know is prohibited from
6 possessing or receiving a firearm under federal or state law.

7 (b) Every person violating this section shall be, upon conviction, subject to imprisonment
8 for up to ten (10) years, a fine up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or both. Any person violating
9 this section upon a second or subsequent conviction shall be subject to imprisonment for not less
10 than two (2) years nor more than fifteen (15) years, a fine up to fifteen thousand dollars
11 (\$15,000), or both. Except for a first conviction under this section, the person shall not be
12 afforded the provisions of suspension or deferment of sentence, nor probation.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide that no person shall knowingly purchase or otherwise obtain a
2 firearm on behalf of or transfer to a person who the transferor knows or reasonably should know
3 is prohibited from possessing or receiving a firearm under federal or state law.

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