

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- LARGE CAPACITY FEEDING DEVICE BAN OF 2022

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, de la Cruz, Paolino, Thompson, E Morgan, McKenney, Patalano, Rogers, and Dimitri

Date Introduced: March 07, 2025

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-47.1-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-47.1 entitled "Large
2 Capacity Feeding Device Ban of 2022" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-47.1-3. Large capacity feeding devices prohibited.**

4 (a) No person, except for a federally licensed firearm dealer, shall manufacture, sell, offer
5 to sell, transfer, purchase, possess, or have under his or her control a large capacity feeding device,
6 except as otherwise authorized under this chapter. Any person convicted of violating the provisions
7 of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by imprisonment of not more than
8 ~~five (5) two (2)~~ years, or by a fine of up to ~~five thousand dollars (\$5,000) one thousand dollars~~
9 (\$1,000), and the large capacity feeding device shall be subject to forfeiture. For subsequent
10 offenses, any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a felony
11 and punished by imprisonment of not more than five (5) years or by a fine of up to five thousand
12 dollars (\$5,000) and the large capacity feeding devices shall be subject to forfeiture.

13 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to:

14 (1) Any person who, on June 20, 2022, lawfully possesses a large capacity feeding device;
15 provided that, within one hundred eighty (180) days of June 20, 2022, the person:

16 (i) Permanently modifies the large capacity feeding device such that it cannot hold more
17 than ten (10) rounds of ammunition;

18 (ii) Surrenders the large capacity feeding device to the police department in the city or town

1 where the person resides in accordance with the procedures for surrender of weapons set forth by
2 the police department or the Rhode Island state police, or, if there is no such police department or
3 the person resides out of state, to the Rhode Island state police; or

4 (iii) Transfers or sells the large capacity feeding device to a federally licensed firearm
5 dealer or person or firm outside the State of Rhode Island that is lawfully entitled to own or possess
6 such a feeding device.

7 (2)(i) Any law enforcement officer exempt under §§ 11-47-9 and 11-47-9.1; or

8 (ii) A retired law enforcement officer exempt under §§ 11-47-9 and 11-47-9.1 who is not
9 otherwise prohibited from receiving such a feeding device from such agency upon retirement, and
10 who has a permit to carry pursuant to § 11-47-18(b).

11 (3) An active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard
12 who is authorized to possess and carry such a feeding device.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would make a first offense of possessing a large capacity feeding device a
- 2 misdemeanor and subsequent offenses felonies.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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