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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- UNLAWFUL SALE OF PROHIBITED  
FIREARMS

Introduced By: Senators Mack, Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, McKenney, DiMario, Euer,  
Zurier, and Ujifusa

Date Introduced: February 27, 2026

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-47.2-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-47.2 entitled "Unlawful  
2 Sale of Prohibited Firearms [Effective July 1, 2026.]" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 ~~11-47.2-2. Restrictions on manufacture, sale, and purchase of prohibited firearms.~~  
4 **Restrictions on manufacture, sale, possession, and purchase of prohibited firearms. [Effective**  
5 **July 1, 2026.]**

6 (a) No person shall manufacture, sell, offer to sell, transfer, [possess](#), or purchase a  
7 prohibited firearm, except as otherwise authorized under this section. Any person convicted of  
8 violating this subsection shall be punished by imprisonment of not more than ten (10) years, or by  
9 a fine up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), and the prohibited firearm shall be subject to forfeiture.

10 (b) The following limited exceptions to subsection (a) of this section shall apply:

11 (1) A person who lawfully possesses a prohibited firearm [prior to July 1, 2026](#), may sell,  
12 offer to sell, or transfer their prohibited firearm to a federally licensed firearm dealer, or to an  
13 individual outside the state who may lawfully possess such weapon [by December 31, 2026](#).

14 (2) A federally licensed firearm dealer may sell, offer to sell, or transfer a prohibited  
15 firearm to another federally licensed firearm dealer, or to a law enforcement entity identified in  
16 subsection (b)(3) of this section, or to an individual outside the state who may lawfully possess  
17 such weapon.

18 (3) A law enforcement agency, acting under authority of the United States, the state, or any

1 of its political subdivisions, to import or purchase a prohibited firearm and may lawfully sell, offer  
2 to sell, or transfer a prohibited firearm to a federally licensed firearm dealer or to another law  
3 enforcement agency, acting under authority of the United States or a state or any of its political  
4 subdivisions.

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

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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- 1 This act would restrict the possession of prohibited firearms.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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