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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS

Introduced By: Senators Coyne, Lynch Prata, Euer, de la Cruz, and McKenney

Date Introduced: April 30, 2019

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-47-20 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-47 entitled "Weapons"
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-47-20. Sale or possession of silencers.**

4 It shall be unlawful within this state to manufacture, sell, purchase, or possess any
5 muffler, silencer, or device for deadening or muffling the sound of a firearm when discharged,
6 provided however, that this section shall not apply to law enforcement officers utilizing said
7 devices while acting within the scope of their official duties while training as tactical teams and
8 under the direct supervision of the police chief or the colonel of the state police or their designee.
9 Violations of this section shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year and one
10 day.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would allow law enforcement officers to utilize mufflers, silencers, or other
2 devices for deadening or muffling the sound of a firearm while acting within the scope of their
3 official duties while training as tactical teams and under the supervision of the police chief or the
4 colonel of the state police or their designee.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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