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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

Introduced By: Senators LaMountain, Quezada, McKenney, Euer, and Burke

Date Introduced: February 01, 2023

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-47-15 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-47 entitled "Weapons"
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-47-15. Proof of ability required for license or permit.**

4 No person shall be issued a license or permit to carry a pistol or revolver concealed upon
5 ~~his or her~~ the person pursuant to § 11-47-11 or § 11-47-18 until ~~he or she has~~ the person has
6 successfully completed a firearm safety course taught by any person certified by a nationally-
7 recognized organization that fosters safety in firearms, or any state certified or National Rifle
8 Association certified firearms instructor, or a certified military firearms instructor, or by a private
9 or public education institution or a firearms training school, including a hunter safety course
10 sponsored by the department of environmental management, that provides, at a minimum, a total
11 of at least two (2) hours of training at a firing range and a total of at least four (4) hours of classroom
12 or remote instruction on topics to include, but not limited to, live fire demonstrations, safely loading
13 and unloading firearms, clearing jams and malfunctions, safe storage, proper firing methods and at
14 least one hour of instruction by an attorney licensed in this state on the law of self-defense.
15 Additionally, no license or permit shall be issued until the applicant has presented certification as
16 prescribed in § 11-47-16 that ~~he or she has~~ the person has qualified with a pistol or revolver of a
17 caliber equal to or larger than the one ~~he or she intends~~ the person intends to carry, that qualification
18 to consist of firing a score of one hundred ninety-five (195) or better out of a possible score of three
19 hundred (300) with thirty (30) consecutive rounds at a distance of twenty-five (25) yards on the

1 army "L" target, firing "slow" fire. The "slow" fire course shall allow ten (10) minutes for the firing
2 of each of three (3) ten (10) shot strings.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require any applicant for a license or permit to carry a concealed weapon
2 to successfully complete a firearms safety course taught by a nationally-recognized organization
3 that fosters safety in firearms, or any state certified or National Rifle Association certified firearms
4 instructor, or a certified military firearms instructor, or by a private or public education institution
5 or a firearms training school, including a hunter safety course sponsored by the department of
6 environmental management and at least one hour of instruction by an attorney licensed in this state
7 on the law of self-defense.

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