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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS

Introduced By: Representatives Johnston, O'Brien, and Canario

Date Introduced: February 27, 2019

Referred To: House Judiciary

(Attorney General)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-47-23 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-47 entitled "Weapons"
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-47-23. ~~False information in securing firearm or license.~~ False information in**
4 **securing firearm or license – Straw purchasers.**

5 (a) No person shall, in purchasing or otherwise securing delivery of a ~~shotgun, rifle,~~
6 ~~pistol, or revolver~~ firearm, or in applying for a license or permit to carry it, give false information
7 or offer false evidence of his or her identity. ~~Violation of the provisions of this section may be~~
8 ~~punished by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), imprisonment for not more~~
9 ~~than five (5) years, or both.~~

10 (b) No person shall knowingly purchase or otherwise obtain a firearm on behalf of
11 another person, or transfer a firearm to another person, whom the transferor knows or reasonably
12 should know is prohibited from possessing a firearm under federal or state law.

13 (c) A first violation of the provisions of this section may be punished by a fine of not
14 more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, or both.
15 A second or subsequent violation of the provisions of this section may be punished by a fine of
16 not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), imprisonment for not less than two (2) years nor
17 more than ten (10) years, or both.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would prohibit obtaining a firearm on behalf of another person if that person is
2 prohibited from possessing a firearm. This act would also increase the penalties for purchases of
3 firearms by use of false information.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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