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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

Introduced By: Representatives Noret, Hull, Casey, Corvese, Cardillo, Phillips,  
Chippendale, Lima, and Spears

Date Introduced: February 09, 2024

Referred To: House Judiciary

(Dept. of Public Safety)

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 muffler,

5 silencer, or device for deadening or muffling the sound of a firearm when discharged; provided,

6 however, that this section shall not apply to law enforcement officers utilizing said devices while

7 acting within the scope of their official duties as tactical teams and under the direct supervision of

8 the police chief or the colonel of the state police or their designee. Violations of this section shall

9 be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year and one day.

10 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 as tactical teams and under the supervision of the police chief or colonel of the state  
4 police or their designee.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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