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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

Introduced By: Representatives Hull, J. Lombardi, Cardillo, Lima, Quattrocchi, Fellela,  
J. Brien, Phillips, Newberry, and Nardone

Date Introduced: March 06, 2024

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Sections 11-47-9.1 and 11-47-35.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-47  
2 entitled "Weapons" are hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **11-47-9.1. Additional exemptions.**

4           The provisions of §§ 11-47-8 and 11-47-11 shall not apply to members of the state police,  
5 members of city or town police forces, [officers or employees of the United States authorized by](#)  
6 [law to carry a concealed firearm](#), and members of the Rhode Island airport police department.  
7 Persons exempted by the provisions of this section from the provisions of § 11-47-8 shall have the  
8 right to carry concealed firearms everywhere within this state; provided, that this shall not be  
9 construed as giving the right to carry concealed firearms to a person transporting firearms as  
10 merchandise or as household or business goods.

11           **11-47-35.1. Persons exempt from § 11-47-35.**

12           The provisions of § 11-47-35 shall not apply to full-time members of the state police, full-  
13 time members of the state marshal's office, full-time members of city or town police departments,  
14 [officers or employees of the United States authorized by law to carry a concealed firearm](#), or state  
15 marshals or correctional officers or persons licensed under § 11-47-11.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would add officers or employees of the United States authorized by law to carry a  
2   concealed firearm, to the category of persons exempt from certain state laws regarding licenses,  
3   permits, and certificates needed to carry a pistol or revolver, whether visible or concealed.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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