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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

Introduced By: Senators McKenney, DiPalma, Sosnowski, LaMountain, and Bissaillon

Date Introduced: February 13, 2025

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11-47 of the General Laws entitled "Weapons" is hereby amended
2 by adding thereto the following section:

3 **11-47-65. Multiple firearm purchases prohibited.**

4 (a) Except as provided pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, no person shall purchase
5 or take possession of more than one firearm in any thirty (30) day period. For purposes of this
6 section, "firearm" means any "pistol", "rifle" or "shotgun" as defined in § 11-47-2.

7 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to federally licensed
8 firearm dealers; governmental entities; any issuance of weapons by a governmental entity to
9 officers, agents or personnel of the governmental entity; law enforcement officers exempt pursuant
10 to the provisions of §§ 11-47-9 and 11-47-9.1; licensed private security companies for use by
11 registered armed security guards; any transfer pursuant to a court order; an estate representative or
12 heir in accordance with an authorization issued or ordered by a probate court; a temporary rental
13 or use of a firearm at a licensed shooting range or club; a participant in a training, firearm safety or
14 shooting course of instruction during the period of instruction; or a transfer of a weapon defined as
15 a curio or relic pursuant to 27 C.F.R. § 478.11 to a licensed curio or relic collector.

16 (c) Any person violating the provisions of subsection (a) of this section upon conviction
17 for a first offense shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment
18 of not more than one year or fined five hundred dollars (\$500), or both. Any person convicted of a
19 second or subsequent offense shall be guilty of a felony offense and may be sentenced to a period

1 [of confinement not to exceed three \(3\) years or fined three thousand dollars \(\\$3,000\), or both.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would prohibit the purchase of more than one firearm in a thirty (30) day period.
- 2 Exemptions are made for law enforcement, inheritance, participation in courses of instruction,
- 3 temporary rentals at gun ranges and licensed collectors.
- 4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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