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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

Introduced By: Senators Archambault, Satchell, Lombardi, Ciccone, and Conley

Date Introduced: March 06, 2014

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

(Corrections)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Sections 11-47-17 and 11-47-17.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-47  
2 entitled "Weapons" are hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-47-17. Qualifications required of law enforcement officers appointed after June**  
4 **17, 1959.** -- Except as provided in section 11-47-15.3, all law enforcement officers of this state  
5 and its political subdivisions whose permanent appointment shall take place after June 17, 1959,  
6 will be required to qualify with the pistol or revolver with which they are armed prior to their  
7 permanent appointment, that qualification to be the same as that required in section 11-47-15.  
8 Constables, special officers, and all law enforcement officers who by law are authorized to carry  
9 side-arms and whose appointments are made on a recurring basis will be required to qualify not  
10 later than one year following the date of enactment of this section, and their commissions or  
11 warrants will be plainly marked or stamped "QUALIFIED WITH PISTOL OR REVOLVER" and  
12 will be signed and dated by the certifying authority attesting to that fact. The failure of any law  
13 enforcement officer to qualify under the provisions of this section revokes his or her privilege of  
14 carrying a pistol or revolver, whether concealed or not, on or about his or her person. All law  
15 enforcement officers of this state and its political subdivisions will repeat this qualification at  
16 periods of not more than one year, except for correctional officers ~~who must repeat this~~  
17 ~~qualification every two (2) years~~ who shall not qualify on an annual basis but instead shall qualify  
18 every two (2) years only.

19 **11-47-17.1. Mandatory or discretionary nature of section 11-47-15.1 requirements --**

1 **Qualification reports to be filed.** -- (a) All law enforcement officers of this state and its political  
2 subdivisions, whose permanent appointment shall take place later than June 6, 1970, shall be  
3 required to qualify with the pistol or revolver with which they are armed prior to their permanent  
4 appointment, that qualification to be as required in sections 11-47-15.1 and 11-47-15.3. All  
5 permanent appointed law enforcement officers of this state and its political subdivisions who are  
6 required to qualify under section 11-47-17 may, at the discretion of the officer, qualify under  
7 either section 11-47-15, 11-47-15.1 or 11-47-15.3. The failure of any law enforcement officer to  
8 qualify under the provisions of this section revokes his or her privilege of carrying a pistol or  
9 revolver, whether concealed or not, on or about his or her person. Qualification under this section  
10 will be required at periods of not more than one year, except for correctional officers ~~who must~~  
11 ~~repeat this qualification every two (2) years~~ who shall not qualify on an annual basis but instead  
12 shall qualify every two (2) years only.

13 (b) Copies of all of the qualification reports shall be filed with the office of the attorney  
14 general.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require that correctional officers qualify to carry a pistol or revolver not  
2 on an annual basis, but every two (2) years, unlike other law enforcement officers who must  
3 qualify on an annual basis.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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