

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 260

*Approved* May 11, 2001

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council  
hereby endorse and urge Passage by the General Assembly of Senate Bill  
2001-S 0740 and House Bill 2001-H 5833 Relating to Criminal Offenses--  
Junk Guns, in substantially the form attached.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 10 2001  
READ AND PASSED

*Robert A. Gonyea*  
PRES. Acting  
*Michael A. Clements*  
CLERK

APPROVED

MAY 11 2001  
*James D. B. [Signature]*  
MAYOR

RECEIVED  
MAY 2 2001

BUT

CLERK

APR 9 2001  
CITY COUNCIL

FIRST READING  
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON  
STATE LEGISLATION

*Michael R. Clement*  
CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON

*State Legislation*  
Recommends Approval  
*Clare Bestwick*  
Clerk  
May 2, 2001

*Cancelman Allen (By request)*

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY **01-S 0740**

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2001

A N A C T

RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- JUNK GUNS

01-S 0740

Introduced By: Senators Walton, Kells and Perry

Date Introduced: February 14, 2001

Referred To: Senate Committee on Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 11 of the General Laws entitled "Criminal Offenses" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 47.1

4 JUNK GUNS

5 11-47.1-1. Purpose. -- Junk guns are handguns that are typically short barreled, easily  
6 concealable, and generally lack any sporting purpose. These firearms also are often made of  
7 inferior materials and are involved in street crimes. Therefore, it is in the interest of the public to  
8 restrict this type of handgun.

9 11-47.1-2. Definition. -- The term "junk gun" shall mean any of the following:

10 (A) A "pistol," "revolver," or "firearm" capable of being concealed upon the person,  
11 which contains a frame, barrel, breechblock, cylinder, or slide that is not completely fabricated of  
12 heat treated carbon steel, forged alloy or other material of equal or higher tensile strength; or

13 (B) A semi-automatic pistol which:

14 (1) Is not originally equipped by the manufacturer with a locked-breach action; and

15 (2) Is chambered for cartridges developing maximum permissible breech pressures  
16 above 24,100 copper units of pressure as standardized by the Sporting Arms and Ammunition  
17 Manufacturer's Institute.

18 (3) For purpose of this chapter, "semi-automatic pistol" shall mean a firearm which is

1 designed to be held and fired with one (1) hand and which does the following upon discharge:

2 (a) fires the cartridge in the chamber;

3 (b) ejects the fired cartridge case; and

4 (c) loads a cartridge from the magazine into the chamber.

5 (C) A "pistol," "revolver," or "firearm" capable of being concealed upon the person is  
6 defined as:

7 (1) using an action mechanism which is substantially identical in design to any action  
8 mechanism manufactured in or before 1898 that was originally chambered for rimfire  
9 ammunition developing maximum permissible breech pressures below 19,000 copper units of  
10 pressure as standardized by the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturer's Institute;

11 (2) chambered to fire either centerfire ammunition or rimfire ammunition developing  
12 maximum permissible breech pressures above 19,000 copper units of pressure as standardized by  
13 the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturer's Institute; and

14 (3) not originally equipped by the manufacturer with a nondetachable safety guard  
15 surrounding the trigger; or

16 (4) equipped with a barrel of less than twenty (20) bore diameters in overall length  
17 protruding from the frame.

18 (5) For purpose of this chapter, "action mechanism" shall mean the mechanism of a  
19 firearm by which it is loaded, locked, fired and unloaded.

20 **11-47.1-3. Exclusions. --** The term "junk gun" shall not include any of the following:

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23 related to compressed air or any other gases not directly produced by combustion;

24 (C) children's pop guns or toys; or

25 (D) any pistol which has been modified in such a manner so as to render it no longer  
26 classified as a junk gun, or to make it permanently inoperable.

27 **11-47.1-4. Exemptions. --** Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit the use of any junk gun  
28 by a police or peace officer, certified in the state of Rhode Island, when on duty and the use of  
29 such firearm is within the scope of his/her duties.

30 **11-47.1-5. Roster of junk guns. --** (A) The superintendent of the state police shall  
31 publish and thereafter maintain a roster of junk guns. This roster shall list those firearms by  
32 manufacturer and model number which has been classified as a junk gun within the meaning of  
33 this section. For purposes of this section, the initial roster of junk guns to be published by the

1 superintendent of the state police shall consist of the following firearms, each of which shall be  
2 rebuttably presumed to be a junk gun:

- 3 1. Bryco: 28, 48; 59;
- 4 2. Davis; p-380;
- 5 3. Hi-Point Firearms: JS-9MM; JS-40; JS-45; JS-9MM Compact;
- 6 4. Intratec: Protec-22; Protec-25; Category 9;
- 7 5. Jennings: J-22; J-25;
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- 10 8. Sundance: Boa: A-25.

11 (B) Double-action revolvers:

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- 13 2. FIE Arminius and Titan Models; and
- 14 3. Heritage Sentry Revolvers.

15 (C) Single-Action Revolvers:

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18 (1) American Derringer: 1:4:6:7:10: 11: Lady Model: Alaskan Survival: Texas  
19 Commemorative: DA38;

20 (2) Davis: Standard Model Derringers: Long-Bore Derringers: D-Series Derringers;

21 (3) Feather Guardian Angel Pistols;

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23 (5) New Advantage 22 WMR Derringer;

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25 (7) Texas Armory: Defender Derringer.

26 11-47.1-6. Notification of classification.. -- Upon publication of the roster of junk  
27 guns, the superintendent of the state police shall send written notice, by certified mail, to the  
28 manufacturer of every firearm listed on said roster, and to every dealer licensed to sell or transfer  
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13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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## EXPLANATION BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF

## A N A C T RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- JUNK GUNS

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01-H 5833

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2001

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Introduced By: Reps. Almeida, Moura, Cicilline,  
Tejada and Lima

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