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Members of the Judiciary committee,

I **encourage passing of H5933/59344** - which would bring RI into compliance with the *Caetano v. Massachusetts* Supreme Court decision from 2016, nearly a decade ago.

However I do not feel a firearms license should be required to carry a stun gun any more than it should be for pepper spray, but this is at least a step in the right direction. If we can strike the licensing requirement this would be an extremely good bill

Simply striking the Stun Gun verbiage from **11-47-42. Weapons other than firearms prohibited** and adding the section **11-47-8.2. Purchase, possession, sale or use of stun gun** as it is currently written would be perfect, and in compliance with the Supreme Court's decision in *Caetano*.

It is rather silly that we would force those who wish to carry a non-lethal self-defense item to undergo the onerous, lengthy, and costly process to obtain a RI CCW license.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this further.

Best regards,
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