

GENERAL LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND
PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED THE
CONSTITUTIONS
OF THE
UNITED STATES AND OF THE STATE



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Lease of house, etc.,
used for gambling or
pool-selling, void.

SEC. 21. Every lease of any house, shop or place used as a gambling house or place where gaming is practised or carried on, or where pools are bought or sold, shall be void, and no notice to the occupant thereof other than a demand for the possession of the premises, shall be necessary to eject such occupant therefrom.

Penalty for wearing
without right, badges
of certain societies.

Ch. 1129, sec. 1, of 1892.

SEC. 22. Any person not a member respectively of the Society of the Cincinnati, Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Society of the War of 1812, Aztec Club of 1847, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans United States of America, Women's Relief Corps, Ladies' Aid Society, National Association of Naval Veterans of the United States, Society of the Army of the Potomac, Society of the Army of the Cumberland, Society of the Army of Ohio, Society of the Army of Tennessee, Society of the Burnside Expedition, or Society of the Ninth Army Corps, and Sons of the Revolution, who shall use or wear respectively the name, badge, decoration, insignia, button, or rosette thereof, unless he or she shall be entitled to use or wear the same respectively under the constitution, by-laws, or rules and regulations of said societies or orders respectively, shall be fined twenty dollars for each offence.

Carrying of concealed
weapons, prohibited.

Ch. 1180, sec. 1, of 1893.

SEC. 23. No person shall wear or carry in this state any dirk, bowie-knife, butcher-knife, dagger, razor, sword-in-cane, air-gun, billy, brass or metal knuckles, slung-shot, pistol or fire-arms of any description, or other weapons of like kind and description concealed upon his person: *Provided*, that officers or watchmen whose duties require them to make arrests or to keep and guard prisoners or property, together with the persons summoned by such officers to aid them in the discharge of such duties, while actually engaged in such duties, are exempted from the provisions of this and the two following sections.

Certain exemptions.

Penalty for violation
of section 23.

Ch. 1372, sec. 1, of 1895.

SEC. 24. Any person convicted of a violation of the provisions of the preceding section shall be fined not less than ten nor more than twenty dollars, or be imprisoned not exceeding three months, and the weapon so found concealed shall be confiscated.

Penalty when charged
with other crimes.

Ch. 1180, sec. 3, of 1893.

SEC. 25. Whenever any person shall be arrested charged with any crime or misdemeanor, or for being drunk or disorderly, or for any breach of the peace, and shall have concealed upon his person any of the weapons mentioned in section twenty-three, such person, upon complaint and conviction, in addition to the penalties provided in section twenty-four, shall be subject to a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars, and the confiscation of the weapon so found.

Negative allegations
need not be averred.

Ch. 1372, sec. 2, of 1895.

SEC. 26. No negative allegations of any kind need be averred or proved in any complaint under the preceding three sections, and the wearing or carrying of such concealed weapon or weapons shall be evidence that the wearing or carrying of the same is unlawful; but the respondent in any such case may show any fact