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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE - UNCLAIMED INTANGIBLE  
AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY

Introduced By: Senators P Fogarty, Doyle, DiPalma, Pearson, and Ottiano

Date Introduced: February 12, 2013

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 33-21.1-14.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 33-21.1 entitled  
2 "Unclaimed Intangible and Tangible Property" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **33-21.1-14.1. Property held by police departments.** -- (a) All tangible and intangible  
4 personal property and any income from this property which has been confiscated by any city,  
5 town, or state police department and has been held in the custody of the department for six (6)  
6 months or more shall be presumed abandoned, ~~and shall revert to the general fund in accordance~~  
7 ~~with section 33-21.1-23.~~ Any city, town, or state police department or division of drug control  
8 shall be allowed to keep said tangible and intangible property, and any income from this property  
9 shall be used by that city, town, or state police department or division of drug control, to be used  
10 for police related community functions, to replace stolen property and/or for law enforcement  
11 purposes.

12 ~~(b) All money which is being held by the police department as a result of confiscation~~  
13 ~~shall be deposited in a special interest bearing bank account during and until the expiration of the~~  
14 ~~three (3) year period prior to reversion to the general fund.~~

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

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1           This act would provide that police departments and local drug control divisions would be  
2 allowed to keep confiscated property, and any income derived from such property would be used  
3 for community or law enforcement purposes.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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