STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ARREST

Introduced By: Representatives Craven, McEntee, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: April 13, 2016

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 12-7-19 of the General Laws in Chapter 12-7 entitled "Arrest" is hereby amended to read as follows:

12-7-19. Arrest after close pursuit by officers from cities or towns. Stop after close pursuit by officers from cities or towns. -- Any member of a duly organized municipal peace unit of another city or town of the state who enters any city or town in close pursuit and continues within any city or town in such close pursuit of a person in order to arrest him or her on the ground that he or she has violated the motor vehicle code in the other city or town shall have the same authority to arrest and hold in custody the person as members of a duly organized municipal peace unit of any city or town have to arrest and hold in custody a person on the ground that he or she has violated the motor vehicle code in any city or town for a suspected violation of any provision of the motor vehicle code committed in the other city or town, shall be vested with all of the same authority as a member of a duly organized municipal peace unit of the city or town within which the stop occurs.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
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1 This act would amend the authority powers of a city or town peace unit that is acting in
2 close pursuit of a suspect and would also amend the purpose of the pursuit from "arrest" to "stop".
3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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