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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Introduced By: Senator Walter S. Felag

Date Introduced: January 24, 2012

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

3 **12-7-19. Arrest after close pursuit by officers from cities or towns Stop after close**
4 **pursuit by officers from cities or towns. --** Any member of a duly organized municipal peace
5 unit of another city or town of the state who enters any city or town in close pursuit and continues
6 within any city or town in such close pursuit of a person in order to ~~arrest~~ stop him or her ~~on the~~
7 ~~ground that he or she has violated the motor vehicle code in the other city or town shall have the~~
8 ~~same authority to arrest and hold in custody the person as members of a duly organized municipal~~
9 ~~peace unit of any city or town have to arrest and hold in custody a person on the ground that he or~~
10 ~~she has violated the motor vehicle code in any city or town~~ for a suspected violation of any
11 provision of the motor vehicle code committed in the other city or town, shall be vested with all
12 of the same authority as a member of a duly organized municipal peace unit of the city or town.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would expand the authority of police officers to engage in close pursuit into
2 other municipalities in order to stop individuals for suspected violations of the motor vehicle
3 code.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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