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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Ciccone, Picard, Ruggerio, and Lanzi

Date Introduced: February 15, 2012

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 28-9.1-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-9.1 entitled
2 "Firefighters' Arbitration" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **28-9.1-7. Unresolved issues submitted to arbitration.** – (a) In the event that the
4 bargaining agent and the corporate authorities are unable, within thirty (30) days from and
5 including the date of their first meeting, to reach an agreement on a contract, any and all
6 unresolved issues shall be submitted to arbitration.

7 [\(b\) Notwithstanding the term limitations to collective bargaining agreements contained in](#)
8 [this chapter, the arbitration board may, with the agreement of the parties, render a decision that](#)
9 [brings the bargaining agreement up to date, regardless of the amount of years in question.](#)

10 SECTION 2. Section 28-9.2-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-9.2 entitled "Municipal
11 Police Arbitration" is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 **28-9.2-7. Unresolved issues submitted to arbitration.** – (a) In the event that the
13 bargaining agent and the corporate authorities are unable, within thirty (30) days from and
14 including the date of their first meeting, to reach an agreement on a contract, any and all
15 unresolved issues shall be submitted to arbitration.

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1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would allow an arbitration board to render a decision regarding a collective
2 bargaining agreement for firefighters or municipal police for multiple years, with the agreement
3 of the parties, in order to bring the contract up to date.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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