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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- EMERGENCY POLICE POWER

Introduced By: Representatives Speakman, and Donovan

Date Introduced: April 28, 2021

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 45-42 of the General Laws entitled "Emergency Police Power" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **45-42-2.1. Nonemergency police power -- Bristol Fourth of July committee.**

4 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, and consistent with the provisions of chapter
5 40.1 of this title entitled "Interlocal Contracting and Joint Enterprises", the chief of police in the
6 town of Bristol may enter into an agreement with the chief of police of another city or town, which
7 is subject to approval by each city or town council by adoption of a resolution in support of it, or
8 with the director of the department of public safety, which is subject to approval by the director of
9 the department of administration, by which the Bristol police chief may request that the other city
10 or town police force, or the department of public safety, provide assistance in a nonemergency
11 situation for all events sponsored by the Bristol Fourth of July Committee, including all those police
12 services prescribed by law within any portion of the jurisdiction of the city or town of the chief or
13 state agency granting the authority.

14 (b) The officers responding to the request and agreement shall have the same authority,
15 powers, duties, privileges and immunities for jurisdictional purposes as a duly appointed police
16 officer of the town of Bristol.

17 (c) All wage and disability payments, pension, workers' compensation claims, medical
18 expenses or other employment benefits will be the responsibility of the employing agency, unless
19 the town of Bristol is reimbursed for those costs from any other source. Each agency shall be

1 responsible for the negligence of its employees to the extent specified by law.

2 (d) A copy of any agreement entered into pursuant to this section shall be provided to the
3 director of the department of public safety.

4 (e) The governor shall have the authority to suspend an agreement entered into pursuant to
5 this section upon a finding that the suspension is in the interest of public safety.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would authorize the Bristol police department to enter into an agreement with any
2 city or town police force, or with the Rhode Island department of public safety, to provide assistance
3 in a nonemergency situation for police services related exclusively to events sponsored by the
4 Bristol Fourth of July Committee.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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