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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - BODY ATTACHMENTS

Introduced By: Senators McCaffrey, Ciccone, and Lynch

Date Introduced: January 29, 2014

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 9-5-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 9-5 entitled "Writs, Summons  
2 and Process" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **9-5-7. Direction of writs for arrest or execution against the body. --** All writs  
4 whatsoever, commanding the arrest of a defendant, or executions running against the body of a  
5 defendant, shall be directed for service only to the division of sheriffs, [or state licensed constables](#)  
6 [with full power](#), or if the writ is to be served in the town of New Shoreham, it may be directed to  
7 the town sergeant of the town, subject to the provisions of section 9-5-8, and no writ of arrest  
8 shall be served by any other officer.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would authorize state licensed constables the power to carry out body  
2 attachments.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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