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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE --- ARREST

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Archambault, Coyne, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: May 10, 2016

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

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would permit police officers in one municipality to pursue a vehicle into another  
2 municipality for any suspected violation of the motor vehicle code, including non-arrestable  
3 offenses, and would grant them the same powers as an officer of that municipality.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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