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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL POLICE  
ARBITRATION

Introduced By: Representatives Bennett, Noret, Read, Hull, Shanley, Corvese, Dawson,  
Voas, McNamara, and Kazarian

Date Introduced: January 09, 2026

Referred To: House Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 28-9.2-17 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-9.2 entitled "Municipal  
2 Police Arbitration" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **28-9.2-17. Continuance of contractual provisions.**

4           All contractual provisions contained in a collective bargaining agreement entered into  
5 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall continue ~~in the following collective bargaining~~  
6 ~~agreement unless either the bargaining agent or the corporate authority shall, in writing, within the~~  
7 ~~thirty day (30) period referred to in § 28-9.2-7, propose a change in any contractual provisions~~ until  
8 such time as a successor agreement has been reached between the parties or an interest arbitration  
9 award has been rendered.

10          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 extend provisions of an existing collective bargaining agreement for
- 2   municipal police arbitration purposes until a successor agreement is reached or an interest
- 3   arbitration award is rendered.
- 4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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