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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 -- FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION

Introduced By: Senators Burke, Ciccone, DiPalma, Famiglietti, and Thompson

Date Introduced: March 04, 2026

Referred To: Senate Labor & Gaming

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 28-9.1-17 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-9.1 entitled
2 "Firefighters' Arbitration" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **28-9.1-17. 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 § 28-9.1-7, propose a change in any contractual provision. The~~
8 ~~parties may agree in writing to continue all contractual provisions contained in a collective~~
9 ~~bargaining agreement until such time as the parties enter into, and have ratified or arbitrated, a~~
10 ~~successor agreement~~ until such time as a successor agreement has been reached between the parties
11 or an interest arbitration award has been rendered.

12 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 provide that all contractual provisions in a firefighters collective bargaining
2 agreement would continue until a successor agreement has been reached or an interest arbitration
3 award has been rendered.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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