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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY --
WRITS, SUMMONS AND PROCESS -- CERTIFICATION OF CONSTABLES

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, Lombardo, and F Lombardi

Date Introduced: March 01, 2022

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 9-5 of the General Laws entitled "Writs, Summons and Process" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **9-5-10.7. Constable conduct.**

4 (a) It is hereby established within the department of business regulation of the State of
5 Rhode Island penalties for violation of rules of conduct for licensed constables, as defined by the
6 department.

7 (b) Upon finding of a first violation of department rules a fine of two hundred dollars (\$200)
8 shall be imposed.

9 (c) Upon a finding of a second violation of department rules a fine of five hundred dollars
10 (\$500) shall be imposed.

11 (d) Upon a finding of a third violation of department rules a fine of one thousand dollars
12 (\$1,000) shall be imposed.

13 (e) Any constable found in violation of any of the above subsections shall have a right to
14 appeal the decision and fine before the constable certification board pursuant to § 9-5-10.6.

15 (f) Any subsequent violation after the first three (3), the department of business regulation
16 shall have the right to revoke the constable's certification subject to a right of appeal to the Rhode
17 Island district court.

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

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- 1 This act would establish fines and penalties and revocation of license for constables found
- 2 in violation of rules and regulations.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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