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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE POLICE

Introduced By: Representative Raymond H. Johnston

Date Introduced: February 16, 2012

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-28 of the General Laws entitled "State Police" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:
3 **42-28-11.1. Local police officers assigned to state police. -- Local police officers**
4 assigned to the state police for the purposes of assignment on a statewide task force shall exercise
5 the same powers of arrest exercised by a sworn member of the state police only when working on
6 an investigation authorized under the authority of the superintendent of the state police and only
7 when said arrest power is exercised in the local police officer's capacity as a member of the
8 statewide task force. If a local police officer is assigned to a statewide task force for the purpose
9 of investigation into criminal matters, generally, he or she shall exercise the same powers of
10 arrest exercised by a sworn member of the state police only when working on an investigation
11 authorized under the authority of the superintendent of the state police. The authorization for such
12 local police officers acting under the authority of this statute shall be on file with the Rhode
13 Island state police, and the police officer's local department. A local police officer's power of
14 arrest obtained pursuant to this section shall be authorized only for as long as he or she is under
15 the direct supervision of the superintendent of the state police. The officer's assignment shall be
16 for the duration of the statewide task force or unless the superintendent of the state police
17 terminates the statewide task force prior to one year. The superintendent of the state police shall
18 have the authority to reappoint a local police officer to an additional one year term.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would authorize the superintendent to assign local police officers to the state
2 police for participation in a statewide task force. The local police officers powers of arrest and
3 duration of assignment would be limited and within the discretion of the superintendent.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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