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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Introduced By: Senators Hodgson, Kettle, Doyle, Felag, and Ottiano

Date Introduced: January 18, 2012

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.

11 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 change the word “arrest” to “stop” to describe the action a police officer
2 from one city or town crosses into another city or town in close pursuit takes. He or she then
3 would have the authority to arrest the person pursued for violation of the motor vehicle code.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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