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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

Introduced By: Senator William A. Walaska

Date Introduced: March 01, 2012

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 39-1 of the General Laws entitled "Public Utilities Commission" is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

3           **39-1-15.1. Enforcement powers of inspectors.** – Examiners, field investigators, hearing  
4 officers, regulatory inspectors, and other employees of the division designated by the  
5 administrator with respect to the enforcement of the provisions of chapters 12 through 14.1  
6 inclusive of this title, shall have and exercise, throughout this state, all powers of police officers  
7 including the power to arrest, without warrant, any person who violates any provision of said  
8 chapters, and the agents may serve all process lawfully issued by the administrator. Whenever a  
9 complaint is made of any violation of the provisions of chapters 12 through 14.1 inclusive of this  
10 title, by any examiner, field investigator, hearing officer, regulatory inspector, or any other  
11 employee of the division, he or she shall not be required to furnish surety for costs or be liable for  
12 costs upon any complaint.

13           **39-1-15.2. Enforcement by police departments.** – The administrator is hereby  
14 authorized to avail himself or herself of such state, city, and town police departments as are or  
15 may hereafter be existing by law, to enforce the provisions of chapters 12 through 14.1 inclusive  
16 of this title and the rules, regulations, and orders of the administrator made under said chapters;  
17 and the police departments are hereby given the necessary authority and power, in addition to  
18 those which they now possess, to carry into effect the directions of this section.

1 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 clarify the powers of the division of public utilities and carrier's personnel  
2 relative to enforcement of all provisions of the motor carrier pursuant to chapter 39-1 and would  
3 authorize state and municipal police departments to assist the division in those regulatory  
4 endeavors.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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