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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - LAW PRACTICE

Introduced By: Representative J. Patrick O'Neill

Date Introduced: February 27, 2013

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-27-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-27 entitled "Law
2 Practice" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-27-5. Practice restricted to members of bar.** – (a) No person, except a duly admitted
4 member of the bar of this state, whose authority as a member to practice law is in full force and
5 effect, shall practice law in this state.

6 (b) No police officer or law enforcement employee, except a duly admitted member of
7 the Rhode Island Bar Association, may appear before any judge or magistrate to practice law in
8 this state.

9 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 preclude police officers, unless duly admitted members of the Rhode
- 2 Island Bar Association, from practicing law in this state.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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