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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - ARBITRATION OF LABOR  
CONTROVERSIES

Introduced By: Senator Frank A. Ciccone

Date Introduced: March 13, 2013

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 28-9 of the General Laws entitled "Arbitration of Labor  
2 Controversies" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **28-9-1.1. Certain rights of retired police and firefighters.** – Any police officer or  
4 firefighter who retired under the terms, conditions, or benefits set forth in a collective bargaining  
5 agreement providing for said benefits at the time of his or her retirement, may seek enforcement  
6 of those rights and benefits under the provisions of this chapter unless expressly prohibited by the  
7 grievance/arbitration provisions of the applicable collective bargaining agreement. The rights or  
8 benefits claimed by said retiree must arise out of the express terms of the collective bargaining  
9 agreement, and the labor organization charged with administration of the current collective  
10 bargaining agreement must have expressly authorized arbitration of the dispute or controversy in  
11 accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

12           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 create certain rights of arbitration for retired police officers and
- 2 firefighters.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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