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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE - UNCLAIMED INTANGIBLE
AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY

Introduced By: Senator P Fogarty

Date Introduced: February 25, 2015

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 33-21.1-14.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 33-21.1 entitled
2 "Unclaimed Intangible and Tangible Property" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **33-21.1-14.1. Property held by police departments.** -- ~~(a)~~ All tangible and intangible
4 personal property and any income from this property which has been confiscated by any city,
5 town, or state police department and has been held in the custody of the department for six (6)
6 months or more shall be presumed abandoned, ~~and shall revert to the general fund in accordance~~
7 ~~with § 33-21.1-23.~~ Any city, town, or state police department or division of drug control shall be
8 allowed to keep said tangible and intangible property, and any income from this property shall be
9 used by that city, town, or state police department or division of drug control for police related
10 community functions, to replace stolen property and/or for law enforcement purposes.

11 ~~(b) All money which is being held by the police department as a result of confiscation~~
12 ~~shall be deposited in a special interest bearing bank account during and until the expiration of the~~
13 ~~three (3) year period prior to reversion to the general fund.~~

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide that police departments and local drug control divisions would be
2 allowed to keep confiscated property, and any income derived from such property would be used
3 for community or law enforcement purposes.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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