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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATIONS

Introduced By: Senators Goodwin, Ruggerio, Goldin, Gallo, and Pearson

Date Introduced: February 25, 2016

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 28-9.1-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-9.1 entitled  
2 "Firefighters' Arbitration" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **28-9.1-7. Unresolved issues submitted to arbitration. --** In the event that the bargaining  
4 agent and the corporate authorities are unable, within thirty (30) days from and including the date  
5 of their first meeting, to reach an agreement on a contract, any and all unresolved issues shall be  
6 submitted to arbitration. [The parties may agree in writing to extend the thirty \(30\) day period.](#)

7 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 allow parties to a firefighters' contract negotiation to extend the thirty (30)
- 2   day bargaining period before submitting unresolved issues to arbitration.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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