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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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

Introduced By: Senator P Fogarty

Date Introduced: February 02, 2017

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.**

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

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

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

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

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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