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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE POLICE

Introduced By: Representatives Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Alzate, Batista, and Morales

Date Introduced: February 05, 2021

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-28-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-28 entitled "State Police"
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **42-28-4. Composition of division.**

4 (a) There shall be a division of state police consisting of the following members: a
5 superintendent who shall have the rank of full colonel; as many captains as the superintendent shall
6 deem necessary, two lieutenant colonels, three majors; as many lieutenants as the superintendent
7 shall deem necessary; and such other personnel, the number and rank of whom shall be designated
8 by the superintendent, and the general assembly shall annually appropriate such sum as it may deem
9 necessary for the payment of the salaries of the members of the division. The member of the Rhode
10 Island state police who shall be assigned by the superintendent to execute the duties of deputy
11 superintendent shall have the rank of lieutenant colonel.

12 (b) At any given time no more than two (2) members of the division of state police shall
13 be members of the same family. For the purposes of this section the term "family" shall include the
14 following relationships, whether by blood, adoption or marriage: father, mother, son, daughter,
15 brother, sister, grandfather, grandmother, grandson, granddaughter, father-in-law, mother-in-law,
16 brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson,
17 stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother or half-sister, aunt, uncle, cousin, niece or
18 nephew.

19 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 prohibit more than two (2) members of the state police to be from the same
- 2 family whether by blood, adoption or marriage.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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