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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ARREST

Introduced By: Representatives Read, Noret, J. Brien, Chippendale, Casey, Corvese, O'Brien, Fascia, Santucci, and Cotter

Date Introduced: April 17, 2026

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 12-7-10 of the General Laws in Chapter 12-7 entitled "Arrest" is  
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **12-7-10. ~~Resisting legal or illegal arrest~~ Resisting legal or illegal arrest by peace**  
4 **officer-Resisting directive of correctional officer.**

5 (a)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to use force or any weapon in resisting a legal or  
6 an illegal arrest by a peace officer, if the person has reasonable ground to believe that he or she is  
7 being arrested and that the arrest is being made by a peace officer.

8 (2) It shall be unlawful for any person in custody of the Rhode Island department of  
9 corrections to use any force or weapon to resist a lawful request or directive by a corrections officer.

10 (i) As used in this section, "a lawful request or directive "means an order issued within the  
11 scope of a correctional officer's official duties and consistent with state law and department  
12 regulations.

13 (b) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not  
14 more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both  
15 fine and imprisonment.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 2   to use any force or weapon to resist a lawful request or directive.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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