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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISARMING A PEACE OFFICER

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Tikoian, Dimitri, Appollonio, and LaMountain

Date Introduced: February 26, 2025

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 11 of the General Laws entitled "CRIMINAL OFFENSES" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 71

4 DISARMING A PEACE OFFICER

5 11-71-1. Disarming a peace officer.

6 Any person who shall knowingly remove or attempt to remove a firearm, deadly weapon,
7 or less-lethal weapon to include, but not limited to, any blunt impact, chemical or conducted energy
8 device; or knowingly deprive or attempt to deprive the use of a mobile communication device or
9 radio used in the performance of official duty, from the person of a peace officer as defined in §
10 12-7-21, or investigator of the department of attorney general appointed pursuant to § 42-9-8.1,
11 shall be deemed to have committed a felony, and shall be imprisoned not less than one year nor
12 more than five (5) years.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would make it a felony for any person to remove or attempt to remove any firearm
2 or other weapon or any communication device from any peace officer or investigator of the
3 department of attorney general.
4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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