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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

## IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026**

## AN ACT

## RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISARMING A PEACE OFFICER

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, LaMountain, Burke, Tikoian, McKenney, Paolino, Raptakis, and Euer  
Date Introduced: January 23, 2026

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:

## CHAPTER 71

## DISARMING A PEACE OFFICER

### **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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