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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SPECIAL POLICE FOR PRIVATE  
INSTITUTIONS

Introduced By: Representatives Regunberg, Blazejewski, Tobon, and Ajello

Date Introduced: January 29, 2016

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 12-2.1-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 12-2.1 entitled "Special  
2 Police for Private Institutions" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **12-2.1-2. Powers of special police officers.** -- (a) Upon issuance of a license as a special  
4 police officer under § 12-2.1-1, the person so designated as a special police officer shall have the  
5 same immunities and may exercise, in and upon the lands and buildings of the institution by  
6 which the special police officer ~~he or she~~ is employed, and upon streets and highways  
7 immediately adjacent to ~~those lands,~~ the institution's lands and buildings, the same powers and  
8 authority of a police officer as are conferred by the laws of this state upon members of the  
9 division of state police, including the power to arrest persons for violation of state criminal  
10 statutes or for violation of city or town ordinances of the city or town in which the institution is  
11 located, for the purpose of protecting the institution's lands and buildings, students, employees  
12 and visitors in and upon those lands and buildings.

13           (b) Where the institution has two (2) or more land areas and/or buildings separated by  
14 public or private lands not owned by the institution, said special police officers appointed under  
15 §12-2.1-1 shall also have jurisdiction in and upon the most natural public street or highway  
16 corridors for travel between the institution's properties. This jurisdiction is for the limited purpose  
17 of travel on those public streets or highways between those land areas and/or buildings, and not  
18 for the exercise of the powers and authority set forth in subsection (a) of this section, with the

1 [sole exception that those powers and authority may be exercised if, in the course of that travel,](#)  
2 [the special police officer views a person or persons in danger of imminent, immediate bodily](#)  
3 [harm.](#)

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

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- 1           This act would set forth the jurisdiction of special police officers on public streets and
- 2 highway corridors between land areas and/or buildings owned by educational institutions.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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