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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ARREST

Introduced By: Representatives Craven, McEntee, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: April 13, 2016

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 12-7-19 of the General Laws in Chapter 12-7 entitled "Arrest" is  
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **12-7-19. Arrest after close pursuit by officers from cities or towns** **Stop after close**  
4 **pursuit by officers from cities or towns.** -- Any member of a duly organized municipal peace  
5 unit of another city or town of the state who enters any city or town in close pursuit and continues  
6 within any city or town in such close pursuit of a person in order to ~~arrest~~ stop him or her ~~on the~~  
7 ~~ground that he or she has violated the motor vehicle code in the other city or town shall have the~~  
8 ~~same authority to arrest and hold in custody the person as members of a duly organized municipal~~  
9 ~~peace unit of any city or town have to arrest and hold in custody a person on the ground that he or~~  
10 ~~she has violated the motor vehicle code in any city or town~~ for a suspected violation of any  
11 provision of the motor vehicle code committed in the other city or town, shall be vested with all  
12 of the same authority as a member of a duly organized municipal peace unit of the city or town  
13 within which the stop occurs.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would amend the authority powers of a city or town peace unit that is acting in
- 2 close pursuit of a suspect and would also amend the purpose of the pursuit from "arrest" to "stop".
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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