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### STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

#### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018**

#### AN ACT

# RELATING TO PROBATE AND PROCEDURE -- UNCLAIMED INTANGIBLE AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY

**Introduced By:** Senator P Fogarty

Date Introduced: February 01, 2018

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 33-21.1-14.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 33-21.1 entitled

"Unclaimed Intangible and Tangible Property" is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### 33-21.1-14.1. Property held by police departments.

(a) All tangible and intangible personal property and any income from this property which has been confiscated by any city, town, or state police department and has been held in the custody of the department for six (6) months or more shall be presumed abandoned and shall revert to the general fund in accordance with § 33 21.1 23. Any city, town, or state police department or division of drug control shall be allowed to keep the tangible and intangible

9 property, and any income from the property shall be used by that city, town, or state police

department or division of drug control for police-related community functions, to replace stolen

property or for law enforcement purposes.

12 (b) All money which is being held by the police department as a result of confiscation

13 shall be deposited in a special interest bearing bank account during and until the expiration of the

14 three (3) year period prior to reversion to the general fund.

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

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#### **EXPLANATION**

#### BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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This act would authorize police departments and local drug control divisions to keep confiscated property, and any income derived from such property would be used for community or law enforcement purposes.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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