



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6615***

LCO No. 3104

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ARREST POWERS OF LOCAL POLICE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 54-1f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) For purposes of this section, the respective precinct or  
4 jurisdiction of a state marshal or judicial marshal shall be wherever  
5 such marshal is required to perform duties. Peace officers, as defined  
6 in subdivision (9) of section 53a-3, in their respective precincts, shall  
7 arrest, without previous complaint and warrant, any person for any  
8 offense in their jurisdiction, when the person is taken or apprehended  
9 in the act or on the speedy information of others, provided that no  
10 constable elected pursuant to the provisions of section 9-200 shall be  
11 considered a peace officer for the purposes of this subsection, unless  
12 the town in which such constable holds office provides, by ordinance,  
13 that constables shall be considered peace officers for the purposes of  
14 this subsection.

15 (b) Sworn members of any local police department, outside their  
16 respective precincts, when on duty, may arrest, without previous

17 complaint and warrant, any person for any offense when the person is  
18 taken or apprehended in the act or on the speedy information of others.  
19 Whenever a police officer makes an arrest under this subsection, such  
20 police officer shall immediately present the arrested person to the local  
21 police department or state police troop having jurisdiction over the  
22 precinct in which the arrest was effected.

23 [(b) Members] (c) Sworn members of the Division of State Police  
24 within the Department of Public Safety or of any local police  
25 department or any chief inspector or inspector in the Division of  
26 Criminal Justice shall arrest, without previous complaint and warrant,  
27 any person who the officer has reasonable grounds to believe has  
28 committed or is committing a felony.

29 [(c) Members] (d) Sworn members of any local police department or  
30 the Office of State Capitol Police and constables and state marshals  
31 who are certified under the provisions of sections 7-294a to 7-294e,  
32 inclusive, and who perform criminal law enforcement duties, when in  
33 immediate pursuit of [one] a person who may be arrested under the  
34 provisions of this section, are authorized to pursue the offender  
35 outside of their respective precincts into any part of the state in order  
36 to effect the arrest. Such person may then be returned in the custody of  
37 such officer to the precinct in which the offense was committed.

38 [(d)] (e) Any person arrested pursuant to this section shall be  
39 presented with reasonable promptness before proper authority.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

**Statement of Purpose:**

To authorize municipal police officers to make arrests outside their jurisdiction when on duty.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

