Chapter 9
Uniform Act on Fresh Pursuit

77-9-1 Authority of peace officer of another state.

A peace officer of another state or the District of Columbia who enters this state in fresh pursuit and continues in fresh pursuit of a person in order to make an arrest on the ground that the person is reasonably believed to have committed a felony in another state, has the same authority to arrest and hold a person in custody as a peace officer of this state. Fresh pursuit does not require instant action, but pursuit without unreasonable delay.

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77-9-2 Procedure after arrest.

An officer who has made an arrest pursuant to Section 77-9-1 shall without unnecessary delay take the person arrested before a magistrate of the county in which the arrest was made. The magistrate shall conduct a hearing to determine the lawfulness of the arrest. If the magistrate finds the arrest was lawful, the magistrate may commit the person arrested for a reasonable time or may admit the person to bail pending extradition proceedings.

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77-9-3 Authority of peace officer of this state beyond normal jurisdiction.

(1) Any peace officer authorized by any governmental entity of this state may exercise a peace officer's authority beyond the limits of such officer's normal jurisdiction as follows:
  (a) when in fresh pursuit of an offender for the purpose of arresting and holding that person in custody or returning the suspect to the jurisdiction where the offense was committed;
  (b) when a public offense is committed in such officer's presence;
  (c) when participating in an investigation of criminal activity which originated in the officer's normal jurisdiction in cooperation with the local authority; or
  (d) when called to assist peace officers of another jurisdiction.

(2)
  (a) Any peace officer, prior to taking any action authorized by Subsection (1), shall notify and receive approval of the local law enforcement authority, or if the prior contact is not reasonably possible, notify the local law enforcement authority as soon as reasonably possible.
  (b) Unless specifically requested to aid a peace officer of another jurisdiction or otherwise as provided for by law, no legal responsibility for a peace officer's action outside the peace officer's normal jurisdiction, except as provided in this section, shall attach to the local law enforcement authority.

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