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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES

Introduced By: Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date Introduced: March 22, 2024

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

(Judiciary)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-27-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-27 entitled "Motor
2 Vehicle Offenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-27-4. Reckless driving and other offenses against public safety.**

4 Any person who operates a motor vehicle recklessly so that the lives or safety of the public
5 might be endangered, or operates a vehicle in an attempt to elude or flee from a traffic officer or
6 police vehicle, shall be:

7 (1) Guilty ~~guilty~~ of a misdemeanor for the first conviction; and

8 (2) Guilty of a felony for the second and each subsequent conviction.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would clarify and separate the different criminal penalties for first and subsequent
2 convictions for reckless driving.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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