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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES

Introduced By: Representatives Noret, Hull, Read, Casimiro, Paplauskas, Casey,
Dawson, and Costantino

Date Introduced: February 28, 2025

Referred To: House 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 guilty of: ~~a misdemeanor for the first conviction and a felony for the second~~
7 ~~and each subsequent conviction.~~

8 (1) A misdemeanor for the first conviction; and

9 (2) A felony for the second and each subsequent conviction.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would distinguish, in two (2) separate subsections, a first offense for reckless
2 driving, which is a misdemeanor, and a second or subsequent offense for reckless driving, which
3 is a felony.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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