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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 -- AGGRESSIVE DRIVING

Introduced By: Senators Dimitri, Tikoian, Patalano, Appollonio, Raptakis, de la Cruz,  
Rogers, and McKenney

Date Introduced: February 26, 2025

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

(Judiciary)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-27.1-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-27.1 entitled  
2 "Aggressive Driving" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-27.1-3. "Aggressive driving" defined.**

4 "Aggressive driving" means that an individual, coincident to operating a motor vehicle in  
5 violation of chapter 14 of this title, engages in conduct which violates two (2) or more of the  
6 following sections of law:

7 (1) Obedience to traffic control devices, § 31-13-4;

8 (2) Overtaking on the right, § 31-15-5;

9 (3) Driving within a traffic lane, § 31-15-1;

10 (4) Following too closely — interval between vehicles, § 31-15-12;

11 (5) Yielding right of way, §§ 31-15-12.1, 31-17-1, 31-17-2, 31-17-4, 31-17-6, 31-17-7 and  
12 31-17-8;

13 (6) Entering the roadway, §§ 31-15-14, 31-17-3 and 31-17-5;

14 (7) Use of turn signals, §§ 31-16-5, 31-16-6, 31-16-8 and 31-16-9;

15 (8) Relating to school buses, special stops, stop signs and yield signs, chapter 20 of this  
16 title; ~~and~~

17 (9) Use of emergency break-down lane for travel, § 31-15-16;

18 [\(10\) Obedience to police officers, § 31-12-3;](#)

19 [\(11\) Overtaking on left, § 31-15-4;](#)

- 1            [\(12\) Clearance for overtaking, § 31-15-6;](#)
- 2            [\(13\) Places where over taking is prohibited, § 31-15-7; or](#)
- 3            [\(14\) Laned roadways, § 31-15-11.](#)
- 4            SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1 This act would add five (5) driving violations to the statute that defines aggressive driving.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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