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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION

Introduced By: Representatives Voas, Giraldo, Solomon, Potter, Dawson, Read, O'Brien,
McNamara, Boylan, and Fogarty
Date Introduced: February 06, 2026

Referred To: House Finance
(General Treasurer)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 12-25-20 of the General Laws in Chapter 12-25 entitled "Criminal
2 Injuries Compensation" is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 3 **12-25-20. Offenses to which chapter applies.**
- 4 The office may award compensation in accordance with the provisions of this chapter for
5 personal injury or death which resulted from offenses in the following categories:
- 6 (1) Assault with intent to commit murder, robbery, or rape;
7 (2) Assault with a dangerous weapon;
8 (3) Assault and battery;
9 (4) Mayhem;
10 (5) Indecent assault and battery on a child under thirteen (13) years of age;
11 (6) Arson or statutory burning;
12 (7) Kidnapping;
13 (8) Robbery or larceny from that person;
14 (9) Murder;
15 (10) Manslaughter;
16 (11) First or second degree sexual assault;
17 (12) Child molestation, first or second degree;
18 (13) The abominable and detestable crime against nature or assault with intent to commit
19 the abominable and detestable crime against nature;

- 1 (14) Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs;
- 2 (15) Refusal by a driver to submit to a chemical test for alcohol or drugs in the immediate
- 3 aftermath of a collision;
- 4 (16) Driving so as to endanger, resulting in death, pursuant to § 31-27-1;
- 5 (17) Driving so as to endanger, resulting in personal injury, pursuant to § 31-27-1.1;
- 6 (18) Any other crime excluding motor vehicle offenses other than those enumerated in this
- 7 section which results in personal injury or death; and
- 8 (19) Failure to stop by a driver in circumstances which result in the [serious bodily injury](#)
- 9 [or](#) death of any person, pursuant to § 31-26-1.
- 10 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would permit hit and run victims suffering serious bodily injury to recover under
- 2 the crime victim compensation program.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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