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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Introduced By: Senators Patalano, Raptakis, Dimitri, Appollonio, Burke, de la Cruz,
Thompson, and Tikoian

Date Introduced: March 05, 2026

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11-11 of the General Laws entitled "Disorderly Conduct" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **11-11-8. Recreational vehicles obstructing vehicle movement.**

4 (a) Whoever, upon any way or in any place to which the public has a right of access, or any
5 place to which members of the public have access as invitees or licensees whether the business or
6 commercial property is opened or closed to the public, operates in a reckless or negligent manner
7 and hinders the movement of other vehicles on such ways with a group of two (2) or more other
8 recreational vehicles shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than two and one-half (2.5)
9 years, and a fine of not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000). No complaint for a violation of
10 this section shall be filed pursuant to § 12-10-12.

11 (1) Individuals who have been found to be in violation of subsection (a) of this section
12 while masked shall be punished by imprisonment for an additional one year or by a fine of not more
13 than five hundred dollars (\$500) or both.

14 (2) For the purpose of this section "recreational vehicles" means a motor vehicle designed
15 to travel over unpaved terrain and which has been determined by the division of motor vehicles as
16 unsuitable for operation on the public way and not eligible for registration for such use or is eligible
17 for registration for such use but has not been registered.

18 (b) Upon a conviction or adjudication by reason of a violation of subsection (a) of this
19 section, a recreational vehicle used in the commission of such violation or violations shall be

1 subject to forfeiture, at the discretion of the court of competent jurisdiction.

2 (1) In all actions where a final order results in forfeiture, the final order shall provide for
3 disposition of the property by the state, a political subdivision thereof, or municipality in any
4 manner not prohibited by law, including official use by an authorized law enforcement or other
5 agency, or at sale at public auction or by competitive bidding.

6 (i) The final order of the court shall provide that the proceeds of any such sale shall be used
7 to pay the reasonable expenses of the forfeiture proceedings, seizure, storage, maintenance of
8 custody, advertising and notice, and all proceeds shall be deposited into the general fund of the
9 municipality in which such crime was committed.

10 (2) No forfeiture under this section shall extinguish a perfected security interest held by a
11 creditor in the property at the time of the filing of the forfeiture action. In all actions where a final
12 order results in forfeiture of property subject to a perfected security interest, possession of the
13 property shall revert to the creditor.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would prohibit an individual who operates a recreational vehicle in a reckless or
2 negligent manner which hinders the movement of other vehicles with a group of two (2) more
3 vehicles shall be guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment of up to two and one-half (2.5)
4 years and a fine of up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000). If any individuals in violation of this act
5 are wearing masks at the time of violation, offenders are subject to an additional one year
6 imprisonment and/or up to an additional five hundred dollars (\$500) fine. This act would also
7 subject any recreational vehicle used in violation of this act to forfeiture of that vehicle.

8 This act would take effect upon passage.

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