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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representative Stephen R. Ucci

Date Introduced: March 27, 2012

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Sections 31-33-1, 31-33-2 and 31-33-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-
2 33 entitled "Safety Responsibility Violations - General Provisions" are hereby repealed.

3 ~~**31-33-1. Accident reports.** --- The operator of every motor vehicle which is in any
4 manner involved in an accident within this state, in which any person is killed or injured, or in
5 which damage to the property of any one person, including the operator, in excess of five hundred
6 dollars (\$500) is sustained, shall, within twenty one (21) days after the accident, report the matter
7 in writing to the division of motor vehicles. The report, the form of which shall be prescribed by
8 the division of motor vehicles, shall contain information to enable the division of motor vehicles
9 to determine whether the requirements for the deposit of security under chapters 31 and 32 of this
10 title are inapplicable by reason of the existence of insurance or other exceptions specified in the
11 chapters, and the administrator of the division of motor vehicles may regard the information
12 given as true, until the contrary reasonably appears. If that operator is physically incapable of
13 making the report, the owner of the motor vehicle involved in the accident shall, within twenty-
14 one (21) days after learning of the accident, make the report. The operator or the owner shall
15 furnish any additional relevant information that the division of motor vehicles shall require.~~

16 ~~**31-33-2. Failure to file accident report.** --- Failure to report an accident as required in
17 section 31-33-1 shall be punished by a fine as provided for in section 31-41.1-4, and the division
18 of motor vehicles shall suspend the license of the person failing to make report, or the
19 nonresident's operating privilege of the person, until a report has been filed and for any further~~

1 ~~period not to exceed thirty (30) days that the division of motor vehicles may fix.~~

2 ~~**31-33-3. Falsification of reports or proof of responsibility.** --- Any person who gives~~
3 ~~information required in a report or otherwise as provided for in section 31-33-1, knowing or~~
4 ~~having reason to believe that the information is false, or who shall forge or, without authority,~~
5 ~~sign any evidence of proof of financial responsibility for the future as required by chapter 32 of~~
6 ~~this title or who files or offers for filing any evidence of proof knowing or having reason to~~
7 ~~believe that it is forged or signed without authority, shall be fined not more than one thousand~~
8 ~~dollars (\$1,000) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.~~

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would repeal provisions providing for the filing of motor vehicle accident
2 reports, and would also repeal provisions providing penalties for failing to file accident reports
3 and for falsification of reports or proof of financial responsibility.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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