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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES

Introduced By: Representative Donald J. Lally

Date Introduced: February 27, 2013

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-27-24 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-27 entitled "Motor
2 Vehicle Offenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-27-24. Multiple moving offenses.** -- (a) Every person convicted of moving violations
4 on four (4) separate and distinct occasions within an eighteen (18) month period may be fined up
5 to one thousand dollars (\$1,000), and ~~shall~~ may be ordered to attend ~~sixty (60) hours of~~ driver
6 retraining, ~~shall~~ may be ordered to perform up to sixty (60) hours of public community service,
7 and the person's operator license in this state may be suspended up to one year or revoked by the
8 court for a period of up to two (2) years. Prior to the suspension or revocation of a person's
9 license to operate within the state, the court shall make specific findings of fact and determine if
10 the person's continued operation of a motor vehicle would pose a substantial traffic safety hazard.

11 (b) At the expiration of the time of revocation as set by the court pursuant to subsection
12 (a) above, the person may petition that court for restoration of his or her privilege to operate a
13 motor vehicle in this state. The license privilege shall not thereafter be reinstated until evidence
14 satisfactory to the court, following a hearing, establishes that no grounds exist which would
15 authorize refusal to issue a license and until the person gives proof of financial responsibility
16 pursuant to chapter 32 of this title.

17 (c) For the purposes of this section only, the term "moving violations" shall mean any
18 violation of the following sections of the general laws:

19 (1) 31-13-4. Obedience to devices.

- 1 (2) 31-14-1. Reasonable and prudent speeds.
- 2 (3) 31-14-2. Prima facie limits.
- 3 (4) 31-14-3. Conditions requiring reduced speeds.
- 4 (5) 31-15-5. Overtaking on the right.
- 5 (6) 31-15-11. Laned roadways.
- 6 (7) 31-15-12. Interval between vehicles.
- 7 (8) 31-15-16. Use of emergency break-down lane for travel.
- 8 (9) 31-17-4. Vehicle entering stop or yield intersection.
- 9 (10) 31-20-9. Obedience to stop signs.
- 10 (11) 31-27.1-3. "Aggressive driving" defined.
- 11 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide that a person convicted of four (4) moving violations in an
2 eighteen (18) month period would be subject to a one thousand dollars (\$1,000) fine, up to sixty
3 (60) hours of community service, driver retraining, suspension of license for up to one year or
4 license revocation for a period of up to two (2) years.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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