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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ADJUDICATION OF TRAFFIC  
OFFENSES

Introduced By: Representatives Williams, O'Brien, Walsh, Palangio, and Hull

Date Introduced: April 09, 2013

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-41.1-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-41.1 entitled  
2 "Adjudication of Traffic Offenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-41.1-4. Schedule of violations.** -- (a) The penalties for violations of the enumerated  
4 sections, listed in numerical order, correspond to the fines described. However, those offenses for  
5 which punishments which may vary according to the severity of the offense, or punishment which  
6 require the violator to perform a service, shall be heard and decided by the traffic tribunal or  
7 municipal court. The following violations may be handled administratively through the method  
8 prescribed in this chapter. This list is not exclusive and jurisdiction may be conferred on the  
9 traffic tribunal with regard to other violations.

10 VIOLATIONS SCHEDULE

11	8-8.2-2	DOT, DEM, or other agency and department violations	\$85.00
12	24-10-17	Soliciting rides in motor vehicles	85.00
13	24-10-18	Backing up prohibited	85.00
14	24-10-20	Park and ride lots	85.00
15	24-12-37	Nonpayment of toll	100.00
16	31-3-12	Visibility of plates	85.00
17	31-3-18	Display of plates	85.00
18	31-3-32	Driving with expired registration	85.00

1	31-3-34	Failure to notify division of change of address	85.00
2	31-3-35	Notice of change of name	85.00
3	31-3-40	Temporary plates - dealer issued	85.00
4	31-4-3	Temporary registration - twenty (20) day bill of sale	85.00
5	31-10-10	Rules as to armed forces license	85.00
6	31-10-30	Driving on expired license	85.00
7	31-10-32	Notice of change of address	85.00
8	31-10.1-4	No motorcycle helmet (operator)	85.00
9	31-10.1-5	Motorcycle handlebar violation	85.00
10	31-10.1-6	No motorcycle helmet (passenger)	85.00
11	31-10.1-7	Inspection of motorcycle required	85.00
12	31-12-12	Local motor vehicle ordinance	85.00
13	31-13-04	Obedience to devices	85.00
14	31-13-6(3)(i)	Eluding traffic light	85.00
15	31-13-09	Flashing signals	85.00
16	31-13-11	Injury to signs or devices	85.00
17	31-14-1	Reasonable and prudent speed	95.00
18	31-14-03	Condition requiring reduced speed	95.00
19	31-14-09	Below minimum speed	95.00
20	31-14-12	Speed limit on bridges and structures	95.00
21	31-15-1	Leaving lane of travel	85.00
22	31-15-2	Slow traffic to right	85.00
23	31-15-3	Operator left of center	85.00
24	31-15-4	Overtaking on left	85.00
25	31-15-5(a)	Overtaking on right	85.00
26	31-15-6	Clearance for overtaking	85.00
27	31-15-7	Places where overtaking prohibited	85.00
28	31-15-8	No passing zone	85.00
29	31-15-9	One way highways	85.00
30	31-15-10	Rotary traffic islands	85.00
31	31-15-11	Laned roadway violation	85.00
32	31-15-12	Following too closely	85.00
33	31-15-12.1	Entering intersection	100.00
34	31-15-13	Crossing center section of divided highway	85.00

1	31-15-14	Entering or leaving limited access roadways	85.00
2	31-15-16	Use of emergency break-down lane for travel	85.00
3	31-15-17	Crossing bicycle lane	85.00
4	31-15-18	Unsafe passing of person operating a bicycle	85.00
5	31-16-1	Care in starting from stop	85.00
6	31-16-2	Manner of turning at intersection	85.00
7	31-16-4	U turn where prohibited	85.00
8	31-16-5	Turn signal required	85.00
9	31-16-6	Time of signaling turn	85.00
10	31-16-7	Failure to give stop signal	85.00
11	31-16-8	Method of giving signals	85.00
12	31-16.1-3	Diesel vehicle idling rules	
13		first offense not to exceed	100.00
14		second and subsequent offense not to exceed	500.00
15	31-17-1	Failure to yield right of way	85.00
16	31-17-2	Vehicle turning left	85.00
17	31-17-3	Yield right of way (intersection)	85.00
18	31-17-4	Obedience to stop signs	85.00
19	31-17-5	Entering from private road or driveway	85.00
20	31-17-8	Vehicle within right of way, rotary	85.00
21	31-17-9	Yielding to bicycles on bicycle lane	85.00
22	31-18-3	Right of way in crosswalks	
23		first violation	85.00
24		second violation or any subsequent violation	\$100.00
25	31-18-5	Crossing other than at crosswalks	85.00
26	31-18-8	Due care by drivers	85.00
27	31-18-12	Hitchhiking	85.00
28	31-18-18	Right of way on sidewalks	85.00
29	31-19-3	Traffic laws applied to bicycles	85.00
30	31-19-20	Sale of new bicycles	85.00
31	31-19-21	Sale of used bicycles	85.00
32	31-19.1-2	Operating motorized bicycle on an interstate highway	85.00
33	31-19.2-2	Operating motorized tricycle on an interstate highway	85.00
34	31-20-1	Failure to stop at railroad crossing	85.00

1	31-20-2	Driving through railroad gate	85.00
2	31-20-9	Obedience to stop sign	85.00
3	31-21-4	Places where parking or stopping prohibited	85.00
4	31-21-14	Opening of vehicle doors	85.00
5	31-22-2	Improper backing up	85.00
6	31-22-4	Overloading vehicle	85.00
7	31-22-5	Violation of safety zone	85.00
8	31-22-6	Coasting	85.00
9	31-22-7	Following fire apparatus	85.00
10	31-22-8	Crossing fire hose	85.00
11	31-22-9	Throwing debris on highway - snow removal	85.00
12	31-22-11.5	Improper use of school bus not to exceed five hundred dollars	(\$500)
13		for each day of improper use	
14	31-22-22(a)	No child restraint	85.00
15	31-22-22(a)	Child restraint/seat belt but not in any rear seating position	85.00
16	31-22-22(b), (f)	No seat belt - passenger	85.00
17	31-22-22(g)	No seat belt - operator	85.00
18	31-22-23	Tow trucks - proper identification	275.00
19	31-22-24	Operation of interior lights	85.00
20	31-23-1(b)(2)	U.S. department of transportation motor carrier safety rules and regulations	
21			Not less than \$85.00
22			or more than \$500.00
23	31-23-1(e)(6)	Removal of an "out of service vehicle" sticker	125.00
24	31-23-1(e)(7)	Operation of an "out of service vehicle"	100.00
25	31-23-2(b)	Installation or adjustment of unsafe prohibited parts, equipment, or accessories:	
26		(first offense)	250.00
27		(second offense)	500.00
28		(third and subsequent offenses)	1,000.00
29	31-23-4	Brake equipment required	85.00
30	31-23-8	Horn required	85.00
31	31-23-10	Sirens prohibited	85.00
32	31-23-13	Muffler required	85.00
33	31-23-13.1	Altering height or operating a motor vehicle with an altered height	85.00
34	31-23-14	Prevention of excessive fumes or smoke	85.00

1	31-23-16	Windshield and window stickers (visibility)	85.00
2	31-23-17	Windshield wipers	85.00
3	31-23-19	Metal tires prohibited	85.00
4	31-23-20	Protuberances on tires	85.00
5	31-23-26	Fenders and wheel flaps required	85.00
6	31-23-27	Rear wheel flaps on buses, trucks and trailers	85.00
7	31-23-29	Flares or red flag required over four thousand pounds (4,000 lbs.)	85.00
8	31-23-40	Approved types of seat belt requirements	85.00
9	31-23-42.1	Special mirror - school bus	85.00
10	31-23-43	Chocks required (1 pair) - over four thousand pounds (4,000 lbs.)	85.00
11	31-23-45	Tire treads - defective tires	85.00
12	31-23-47	Slow moving emblem required	85.00
13	31-23-49	Transportation of gasoline - passenger vehicle	85.00
14	31-23-51	Operating bike or motor vehicle wearing ear phones	
15		(first offense)	85.00
16		second offense	95.00
17		or the third and each subsequent offense	140.00
18	31-24-1	Times when lights required	85.00
19	through		
20	31-24-54		
21	31-25-03	Maximum width of one hundred and two inches (102") exceeded	85.00
22	31-25-04	Maximum height of one hundred sixty-two inches (162") exceeded	85.00
23	31-25-06	Maximum number and length of coupled vehicles	500.00
24	31-25-07	Load extending three feet (3') front, six feet (6') rear exceeded	85.00
25	31-25-9	Leaking load	85.00
26	31-25-11	Connections between coupled vehicles	85.00
27	31-25-12	Towing chain, twelve inch (12") square flag required	85.00
28	31-25-12.1	Tow truck - use of lanes	
29		(first offense)	85.00
30		second offense	95.00
31		for the third and each subsequent offense	100.00
32	31-25-14(d)(1)	Maximum weight and tandem axles	125.00
33	31-25-14(d)(2)	Maximum weight and tandem axles 125.00 )	
34	31-25-14(d)(3)	Maximum weight and tandem axles	125.00

1	31-25-16(c)(2)	Maximum weight shown in registration per thousand lbs.	
2		overweight or portion thereof.	85.00
3	31-25-16(c)(3)	Maximum weight shown in registration per thousand lbs.	
4		overweight or portion thereof.	125.00
5	31-25-16(c)(4)	Maximum weight shown in registration	1,025.00
6			plus \$125.00
7		per thousand pounds overweight or portion thereof.	
8	31-25-17	Identification of trucks and truck-tractors	
9		(first offense)	85.00
10		(second offense)	95.00
11		or the third and subsequent offenses	125.00
12	31-25-24	Carrying and inspection of excess load limit	175.00
13	31-25-27(c)	Maximum axle	
14		(first offense)	3,000.00
15		not to exceed	5,000.00
16		for each and every subsequent offense	
17	31-25-30	Maximum axle Pawtucket River Bridge and Sakonnet River Bridge	
18		(first offense)	3,000.00
19		not to exceed	5,000.00
20		for each and every subsequent offense	
21	31-27-2.3	Refusal to take preliminary breath test	85.00
22	31-28-7(d)	Wrongful use of handicapped parking placard	500.00
23	31-28-7(f)	Handicapped parking space violation: First offense	100.00
24		Second offense	175.00
25		Third offense and subsequent offenses	325.00
26	31-28-7.1(e)	Wrongful use of institutional handicapped parking placard	125.00
27	31-33-2	Failure to file accident report	85.00
28	31-36.1-17	No fuel tax stamp (out-of-state)	85.00
29		and not exceeding for subsequent offense	(\$100)
30	31-38-3	No inspection sticker	85.00
31	31-38-4	Violation of inspection laws	85.00
32	31-47.2-06	Heavy-duty vehicle emission inspections: First offense	125.00
33		Second offense	525.00
34		Third and subsequent offenses	1,025.00



EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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- 1           This act would double the fine for a driver who pleads guilty or is found to be in violation
- 2 of the motor vehicle law on school zones.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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