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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MULTIPLE OFFENSES

Introduced By: Representatives Walsh, and Craven

Date Introduced: March 04, 2014

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

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 be ordered to attend sixty (60) hours of driver  
6 retraining, shall be ordered to perform sixty (60) hours of public community service, and the  
7 person's operator license in this state may be suspended up to one year or revoked by the court for  
8 a period of up to two (2) years. An order to attend driver retraining shall be administered in  
9 cooperation with a college or university accredited by the state, and shall include a provision to  
10 pay a reasonable tuition for the course in an amount determined by the court of competent  
11 jurisdiction and the college or university. Prior to the suspension or revocation of a person's  
12 license to operate within the state, the court shall make specific findings of fact and determine if  
13 the person's continued operation of a motor vehicle would pose a substantial traffic safety hazard.

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

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

3 (1) 31-13-4. Obedience to devices.

4 (2) 31-14-1. Reasonable and prudent speeds.

5 (3) 31-14-2. Prima facie limits.

6 (4) 31-14-3. Conditions requiring reduced speeds.

7 (5) 31-15-5. Overtaking on the right.

8 (6) 31-15-11. Laned roadways.

9 (7) 31-15-12. Interval between vehicles.

10 (8) 31-15-16. Use of emergency break-down lane for travel.

11 (9) 31-17-4. Vehicle entering stop or yield intersection.

12 (10) 31-20-9. Obedience to stop signs.

13 (11) 31-27.1-3. "Aggressive driving" defined.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require those who are required to attend driver retraining class for  
2 multiple moving offense violations to pay a reasonable tuition to be determined by the court and  
3 the college or university administering the course.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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