

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, Raptakis, Archambault, Coyne, and Goodwin

Date Introduced: March 15, 2017

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

(Attorney General)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 31-27 of the General Laws entitled "Motor Vehicle Offenses" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **31-27-2.10. Driving under the influence of liquor or drugs, resulting in physical**
4 **injury.**

5 (a) When the physical injury of any person other than the operator is caused by the
6 operation of any motor vehicle, the operator of which is under the influence of any intoxicating
7 liquor, toluene, or any controlled substance as defined in chapter 28 of title 21 or any combination
8 of these, the person so operating the vehicle shall be guilty of driving under the influence of
9 liquor or drugs, resulting in physical injury.

10 (b) Any person charged with driving under the influence of liquor or drugs, resulting in
11 physical injury shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned for not more than three (3) years and have
12 their license to operate a motor vehicle suspended for not more than one year.

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

EXPLANATION
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1 This act would create a new criminal offense of driving under the influence resulting in
2 physical injury.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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