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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES

Introduced By: Representatives J Lombardi, and Hull

Date Introduced: January 12, 2023

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

4 **31-27-1. Driving so as to endanger, resulting in death.**

5 (a) When the death of any person ensues as a proximate result of an injury received by the  
6 operation of any vehicle in reckless disregard of the safety of others, including violations of § 31-  
7 27-22, the person so operating the vehicle shall be guilty of "driving so as to endanger, resulting in  
8 death".

9 (b) Any person charged with the commission of this offense shall upon conviction be  
10 imprisoned for not more than ~~ten (10)~~ twenty (20) years and have his or her license to operate a  
11 motor vehicle suspended for no more than ~~five (5)~~ ten (10) years.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would increase the penalties for driving so as to endanger, death resulting, by  
2 increasing the maximum term of imprisonment from ten (10) years to twenty (20) years, and the  
3 maximum term of license suspension from five (5) years to ten (10) years.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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