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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES

Introduced By: Representatives Lima, Maldonado, and Costantino

Date Introduced: March 12, 2015

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

9 (b) Any person charged with a violation of this section shall, upon conviction, be
10 imprisoned for not more than three (3) years and have his or her license to operate a motor
11 vehicle suspended for not more than one year.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would create a new criminal offense for driving a motor vehicle while under the
2 influence of liquor and/or drugs which results in the physical injury of anyone other than the
3 operator.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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