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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES

Introduced By: Representative John J. Lombardi

Date Introduced: February 12, 2021

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

3 **31-27-1. Driving so as to endanger, resulting in death.**

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

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

11 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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