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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: Senators Sosnowski, Tikoian, F. Lombardi, and Raptakis

Date Introduced: March 30, 2023

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

(Judiciary)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-27-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-27 entitled "Motor  
2 Vehicle Offenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-27-4. Reckless driving and other offenses against public safety.**

4 Any person who operates a motor vehicle recklessly so that the lives or safety of the public  
5 might be endangered, or operates a vehicle in an attempt to elude or flee from a traffic officer or  
6 police vehicle, shall be: ~~guilty~~

7 (1) Guilty of a misdemeanor for the first conviction; and

8 (2) Guilty of a felony for the second and each subsequent conviction.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would clarify and separate the different criminal penalties for first and subsequent  
2 convictions for reckless driving.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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