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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: Representatives Keable, and Carson

Date Introduced: January 11, 2017

Referred To: House Judiciary

(by request)

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 **31-27-26. Negligent operation of a motor vehicle, resulting in death.**

4 (a) When the death of any person ensues as a proximate result of an injury or injuries
5 received through the negligent operation of any motor vehicle, the person so operating the vehicle
6 shall be guilty of "negligent operation of a motor vehicle, resulting in death."

7 (b) Any person charged with the commission of this offense shall be guilty of a
8 misdemeanor and upon conviction be imprisoned for not more than one year, and shall have their
9 license to operate a motor vehicle suspended for no more than sixty (60) days.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would make a fatal accident caused by the negligent operation of a motor vehicle
2 a misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in prison and a loss of driving privileges for not
3 more than sixty (60) days.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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