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SENATE BILL 10-204

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CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR CARELESS DRIVING RESULTING IN DEATH.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** 42-2-127 (5), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

**42-2-127. Authority to suspend license - to deny license - type of conviction - points.** (5) Point system schedule:

Type of conviction	Points
(e.5) CARELESS DRIVING RESULTING IN DEATH . . . . .	12

**SECTION 2.** 42-4-1402 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**42-4-1402. Careless driving - penalty.** (2) (a) EXCEPT AS

*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPHS (b) AND (c) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2), any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense. ~~but,~~

(b) If the person's actions are the proximate cause of bodily injury ~~or death~~ to another, such person commits a class 1 misdemeanor traffic offense.

(c) IF THE PERSON'S ACTIONS ARE THE PROXIMATE CAUSE OF DEATH TO ANOTHER, SUCH PERSON COMMITS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR TRAFFIC OFFENSE.

**SECTION 3. Specified effective date - applicability.** This act shall take effect upon passage and shall apply to offenses committed on or after said date.

**SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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