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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- VICTIM'S RIGHTS

Introduced By: Representatives Keable, and Ackerman

Date Introduced: April 07, 2016

Referred To: House Judiciary

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 12-28 of the General Laws entitled "Victim's Rights" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **12-28-3.1. Right of victim's representatives to consult with the department of the**
4 **attorney general in motor vehicle matters resulting in death. --** [In any case wherein a person](#)
5 [is a suspect in a crime involving a motor vehicle offense under title 31, death resulting, and a](#)
6 [decision has been made not to prosecute the operator of a motor vehicle involved, the attorney](#)
7 [general shall provide written notice to the victim's representatives advising them of their right to](#)
8 [meet with the attorney general or designee to discuss the reason or reasons for the decision not to](#)
9 [prosecute.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide that in cases where there is a motor vehicle accident with death
2 resulting, if the attorney general decides not to prosecute a criminal case, that the attorney general
3 shall give the decedent's representatives an opportunity to discuss why the matter is not being
4 prosecuted.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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