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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES - ADJUDICATION OF TRAFFIC
OFFENSES

Introduced By: Senators Doyle, Gallo, and Tassoni

Date Introduced: March 10, 2011

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 31-41.1 of the General Laws entitled "Adjudication of Traffic
2 Offenses" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **31-41.1-3.1. Mandatory court appearances.** – (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of
4 sections 31-41.1-2 or 31-41.1-3, any person who receives a third (3rd) summons within a twelve
5 (12) month period of time cannot, plea or dispose of the charge by mail, but must appear in
6 person before a judge at the traffic tribunal or municipal court.

7 (b) The preceding twelve (12) month period shall be calculated from the date of the
8 issuance of the third (3rd) summons.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on October 1, 2011 and shall apply to offenses
10 committed on or after October 1, 2011.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require anyone who receives a third (3rd) summons within a twelve (12)
2 month period to appear in court.

3 This act shall take effect on October 1, 2011 and shall apply to offenses committed on or
4 after October 1, 2011.

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