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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REMOTE ALCOHOL MONITORING

Introduced By: Representatives McNamara, Malik, and Corvese

Date Introduced: January 03, 2008

Referred To: House Judiciary

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           **31-27-2.9. Random remote alcohol monitoring -- Requirements.** – Any person who  
4 enters into a plea of nolo contendere or guilty, or who is otherwise convicted under the provisions  
5 of sections 31-27-2, 31-27-2.1, or 31-27-2.7 may be required by the sentencing judge to wear an  
6 alcohol monitoring device. The device shall have the ability to conduct random, passive  
7 transdermal tests of the alcohol content of the wearer's sweat. The device shall have the capability  
8 of sending the results in real time to the monitor of the device regardless of the wearer's location.  
9 The wearer of the device shall be responsible for the costs associated with the wearing and  
10 monitoring of the device.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would permit a judge to require any person who pleads nolo contendere or  
2 guilty, or who is otherwise convicted of driving under the influence, driving while intoxicated, or  
3 driving while impaired to wear an alcohol monitoring device which would alert the probation  
4 office that the wearer is consuming alcohol while under sentence.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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