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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO INSURANCE

Introduced By: Representatives Ajello, Shanley, Hearn, Ruggiero, and Morin

Date Introduced: January 19, 2017

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 27-18 of the General Laws entitled "Accident and Sickness
2 Insurance Policies" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **27-18-83. Mandated coverage for pregnant applicants.**

4 No pregnant applicant for insurance coverage regulated by this chapter shall be denied
5 coverage due to her pregnancy. Coverage shall be effective as of the first of the month in which
6 her pregnancy is verified by a licensed health care practitioner.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 27-19 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Hospital Service
8 Corporations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

9 **27-19-74. Mandated coverage for pregnant applicants.**

10 No pregnant applicant for insurance coverage regulated by this chapter shall be denied
11 coverage due to her pregnancy. Coverage shall be effective as of the first of the month in which
12 her pregnancy is verified by a licensed health care practitioner.

13 SECTION 3. Chapter 27-20 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Medical Service
14 Corporations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

15 **27-20-70. Mandated coverage for pregnant applicants.**

16 No pregnant applicant for insurance coverage regulated by this chapter shall be denied
17 coverage due to her pregnancy. Coverage shall be effective as of the first of the month in which
18 her pregnancy is verified by a licensed health care practitioner.

19 SECTION 4. Chapter 27-41 of the General Laws entitled "Health Maintenance

1 Organizations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

2 **27-41-87. Mandated coverage for pregnant applicants.**

3 No pregnant applicant for insurance coverage regulated by this chapter shall be denied
4 coverage due to her pregnancy. Coverage shall be effective as of the first of the month in which
5 her pregnancy is verified by a licensed health care practitioner.

6 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would provide that no pregnant applicant for medical insurance coverage be
2 denied coverage due to her pregnancy.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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