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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- INSURANCE BENEFITS

Introduced By: Representatives Shanley, Craven, Kazarian, Casimiro, and Finkelman

Date Introduced: January 26, 2024

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 36-12-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 36-12 entitled "Insurance  
2 Benefits" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **36-12-7. Eligibility for benefits.**

4           (a) All persons in the service of the state on and after July 1, 1960, whether elected,  
5 appointed or employed, and private employees at nursing homes, developmental disability and  
6 home care providers whose salaries are ninety percent (90%) funded with state or federal monies,  
7 who elect to participate in an insurance contract or contracts shall be eligible to participate therein.  
8 The director, however, with the consent of the insurance company or companies, may by rule or  
9 regulation exclude those classes of temporary, part-time, or intermittent employees for whom  
10 insurance contracts shall be deemed to be impracticable.

11           (b) The director, with the consent of the insurance company or companies, may authorize  
12 the inclusion in insurance contracts of employees of public authorities, full-time employees of  
13 organizations representing state employees, private employees at nursing homes, developmental  
14 disability and home care providers whose salaries are ninety percent (90%) funded with state or  
15 federal monies, or other appropriate agencies of the state as may be designated in the rules or  
16 regulations of the director, and may prescribe the rate of contribution required from such  
17 participating authorities, or other agencies.

18           (c) Private employees listed in subsection (a) of this section who are eligible to opt into the  
19 state healthcare plan shall have the insurance premium deducted from their earnings with the

1 [private employer having the option to contribute to pay all or a portion of the premium payment.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would allow private employees at nursing homes, developmental disability and  
2 home care providers whose salaries are ninety percent (90%) funded with federal or state monies  
3 to be eligible to opt into the state healthcare plan. The premium payments would be the  
4 responsibility of the employee with the employer having the option to pay all or a portion of the  
5 insurance premium.

6           This act would take effect upon passage.

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