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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
HEALTH, RETARDATION AND HOSPITALS -- NEW TITLE

Introduced By: Representatives Ferri, Ajello, Messier, McNamara, and Naughton

Date Introduced: February 04, 2010

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The title of Title 40.1 of the General Laws entitled "Department of Mental
2 Health, Retardation, and Hospitals" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 ~~TITLE 40.1~~

4 ~~DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, RETARDATION, AND HOSPITALS~~

5 TITLE 40.1

6 DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

7 AND HOSPITALS

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 40.1-1 of the General Laws entitled "Department of Mental Health,
9 Retardation, and Hospitals" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

10 **40.1-1-3.1. New title for department.** – Wherever in the general or public laws, or any
11 rule or regulation, any reference to the "department of mental health, retardation and hospitals" or
12 to "department" shall appear, it shall be deemed to mean and shall mean "the department of
13 behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals."

14 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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1 This act would change the name and any reference to the department of mental health,
2 retardation and hospitals to the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities
3 and hospitals.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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