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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

Introduced By: Representatives Corvese, Malik, Hull, Azzinaro, and Fellela

Date Introduced: February 12, 2014

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           **27-18-28.1. HealthSource RI - Rhode Island Health Benefits Exchange - Abortion. –**  
4 No health plan under which coverage is purchased in whole or in part with any state or federal  
5 funds through the Rhode Island health benefits exchange (HealthSource RI) shall provide  
6 coverage for induced abortions, except where the life of the mother would be endangered if the  
7 fetus were carried to term or where the pregnancy resulted from rape or incest. Coverage is  
8 deemed to be purchased with state or federal funds if any tax credit or cost sharing credit is  
9 applied toward the health plan. This section does not prevent an insurer from providing any  
10 person or entity with an optional rider, for which there must be paid a separate premium for  
11 induced abortions; providing, however, that such coverage is not purchased in whole or in part  
12 with any state or federal funds.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would provide that no state or federal funds shall be used for induced abortions  
2 except where the life of the mother is endangered or the pregnancy results from rape or incest.  
3 Optional riders may be made available, but payment for same cannot come from state or federal  
4 funds.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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