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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

Introduced By: Representatives Ferri, Segal, M Rice, Naughton, and McNamara

Date Introduced: February 11, 2010

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-11 of the General Laws entitled "Sexually Transmitted
2 Diseases" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **23-11-20. Expedited partner therapy.** – (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law
4 to the contrary, a physician licensed under chapter 37 of title 5, a physician assistant licensed
5 under chapter 54 of title 5 or a certified registered nurse practitioner licensed under chapter 34 of
6 title 5 who is authorized to prescribe and dispense prescription drugs, and who diagnoses a
7 sexually transmitted disease in an individual patient, may prescribe prescription drugs to the
8 patient's sexual partner or partners for the treatment of the sexually transmitted disease without an
9 examination of the sexual partner or partners.

10 (b) A licensed physician, licensed physician assistant or certified registered nurse
11 practitioner who reasonably and in good faith prescribes prescription drugs to a patient's sexual
12 partner or partners for the treatment of a sexually transmitted disease in accordance with this
13 section shall not be subject to civil or criminal liability or be deemed to have engaged in
14 unprofessional conduct.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would permit physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners to prescribe
2 prescription drugs to a patient's sexual partner or partners for the treatment of sexually
3 transmitted diseases.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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