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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FRAUD

Introduced By: Representatives Morgan, Filippi, Giarrusso, Price, and Chippendale

Date Introduced: February 24, 2016

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 40-8.2-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 40-8.2 entitled "Medical
2 Assistance Fraud" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **40-8.2-7. False statements made to gain certification.** -- Whoever knowingly and
4 willfully makes or causes to be made, or induces, or seeks to induce the making of any false
5 statement or representation of a material fact with respect to the conditions or operation of any
6 institution or facility in order that the institution or facility may qualify (either upon initial
7 certification or upon recertification) as a hospital, skilled nursing facility, intermediate care
8 facility, or home health agency, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof,
9 shall be fined not more than ~~five hundred dollars (\$500)~~ one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or
10 imprisoned for not more than ~~six (6) months~~ one year, or both.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would increase the penalties from up to \$500 and up to six (6) months
2 incarceration to up to \$1,000 and one year incarceration for knowingly making a false statement
3 of a material fact with respect to the conditions or operation of any institution or facility in order
4 that such institution may qualify as a hospital, nursing facility, intermediate care facility or home
5 health agency.

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