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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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AUTHORIZING AND ALLOCATING \$8,000,000 TO WOMEN AND INFANTS HOSPITAL

Introduced By: Representatives Serpa, Vella-Wilkinson, Shanley, Bennett, Solomon, and
McNamara

Date Introduced: March 16, 2022

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The general assembly hereby authorizes and allocates eight million dollars
2 (\$8,000,000) (the "allocation") to Women and Infants Hospital of Rhode Island (the "hospital"), a
3 Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation with a principal place of business located in
4 Providence, Rhode Island. These funds shall be drawn from federal funds allocated to the state
5 pursuant to federal legislation enacted after December 4, 2020 and in response to the COVID-19
6 outbreak or related economic recovery, including, but not limited to, funds from the American
7 Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2, but excluding federal grants that are not subject to
8 appropriation and funds related to increased federal medical assistance percentage rates under
9 section 1905(b) of the Social Security Act; provided that, federal funds made available in the form
10 of newly created reimbursement programs may also be authorized by the general assembly and/or
11 designated to be credited to the hospital through additional appropriation by the general assembly.

12 SECTION 2. The allocation shall be used for the purpose of partial funding of the Women
13 and Infants' Hospital Labor and Delivery Unit Renovation Project (the "LDR renovation project").
14 The hospital's labor and delivery unit is nearly forty (40) years old, with many rooms that do not
15 have windows or bathrooms, despite the fact that the hospital is one of the premier hospitals in the
16 world for the care it provides. The LDR renovation project shall promote improved care and
17 enhanced outcomes for many at the hospital for the benefit of people throughout the state and in
18 surrounding communities.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would authorize and allocate the sum of eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) to the
2 Women and Infants Hospital of Rhode Island, to be used towards the Hospital's renovation of its
3 Labor and Delivery Unit. This allocation would come from American Rescue Plan Act funds.
4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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