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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- HEALTH INSURANCE
BENEFITS

Introduced By: Senator Ryan W. Pearson

Date Introduced: February 15, 2018

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 36-12-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 36-12 entitled "Insurance
2 Benefits" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **36-12-7. Eligibility for benefits.**

4 (a) All persons in the service of the state on and after July 1, 1960, whether elected,
5 appointed or employed, who elect to participate in an insurance contract or contracts shall be
6 eligible to participate therein. The director, however, with the consent of the insurance company
7 or companies, may by rule or regulation exclude those classes of temporary, part-time, or
8 intermittent employees for whom insurance contracts shall be deemed to be impracticable.

9 (b) The director, with the consent of the insurance company or companies, may authorize
10 the inclusion in insurance contracts of employees of public authorities, full-time employees of
11 organizations representing state employees, or other appropriate agencies of the state as may be
12 designated in the rules or regulations of the director, and may prescribe the rate of contribution
13 required from such participating authorities, or other agencies.

14 [\(c\) Any small employer, as defined in § 27-50-3\(kk\), may purchase health insurance for](#)
15 [its employees through the group plan of health insurance benefits for state employees as selected](#)
16 [pursuant to § 36-12-6.](#)

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2019.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would allow small business employers to purchase health insurance for its
- 2 employees through the state employee group plan.
- 3 This act would take effect on January 1, 2019.

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