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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

Introduced By: Senators Cote, Goodwin, Ruggerio, Ciccone, and McCaffrey

Date Introduced: February 25, 2016

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

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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