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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LABORATORIES

Introduced By: Senators Felag, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: March 01, 2024

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-16.2 of the General Laws entitled "Laboratories" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **23-16.2-15. Performance of certain laboratory services upon request.**

4 (a) A clinical laboratory may perform a clinical laboratory service (including accepting a
5 specimen or assignment for examination and rendering a report), that it is otherwise allowed to
6 perform, upon the request of the person on whom the service is to be performed and render a report
7 directly to the person, where the service is for the same purpose as a test or collection device that
8 has been approved or cleared by the Food and Drug Administration of the United States Department
9 of Health and Human Services for sale or distribution to the public on a direct or over-the-counter
10 basis without a prescription from a qualified health care practitioner.

11 (b) The department of health shall promulgate rules and regulations for direct-to-consumer
12 laboratory testing, and shall create patient guidelines to inform patients of this service by December
13 1, 2024.

14 (c) A company performing direct-to-consumer laboratory testing as described in this
15 section shall present a copy of the department of health guidelines to a patient for each testing order.

16 (d) A patient shall complete an attestation form that states that the patient has received and
17 reviewed the department of health guidelines on direct-to-consumer laboratory testing.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would allow a patient to receive a report containing the results of direct to
2 consumer laboratory testing, in certain circumstances. The department of health (DOH) would
3 promulgate rules, regulations, and guidelines for patients regarding such testing by December 1,
4 2024.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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