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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO INSURANCE

Introduced By: Representatives Ajello, Corvese, Lima, Kazarian, and Messier

Date Introduced: January 22, 2016

Referred To: House Corporations

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 **27-18-82. Mandated coverage for pregnant applicants.** – [No pregnant applicant for](#)
4 [insurance coverage regulated by this chapter shall be denied coverage due to her pregnancy.](#)
5 [Coverage shall be effective as of the first of the month in which her pregnancy is verified by a](#)
6 [licensed health care practitioner.](#)

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 27-19 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Hospital Service
8 Corporations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

9 **27-19-73. Mandated coverage for pregnant applicants.** -- [No pregnant applicant for](#)
10 [insurance coverage regulated by this chapter shall be denied coverage due to her pregnancy.](#)
11 [Coverage shall be effective as of the first of the month in which her pregnancy is verified by a](#)
12 [licensed health care practitioner.](#)

13 SECTION 3. Chapter 27-20 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Medical Service
14 Corporations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

15 **27-20-69. Mandated coverage for pregnant applicants.** -- [No pregnant applicant for](#)
16 [insurance coverage regulated by this chapter shall be denied coverage due to her pregnancy.](#)
17 [Coverage shall be effective as of the first of the month in which her pregnancy is verified by a](#)
18 [licensed health care practitioner.](#)

19 SECTION 4. Chapter 27-41 of the General Laws entitled "Health Maintenance

1 Organizations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

2 **27-41-86. Mandated coverage for pregnant applicants.** -- [No pregnant applicant for](#)
3 [insurance coverage regulated by this chapter shall be denied coverage due to her pregnancy.](#)
4 [Coverage shall be effective as of the first of the month in which her pregnancy is verified by a](#)
5 [licensed health care practitioner.](#)

6 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would provide that no pregnant applicant for medical insurance coverage would
- 2 be denied coverage due to her pregnancy.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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