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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAXATION OF INSURANCE COMPANIES

Introduced By: Representative Daniel P. Gordon

Date Introduced: February 16, 2012

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 44-17-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-17 entitled "Taxation of

Insurance Companies" is hereby amended to read as follows:

<u>44-17-1. Companies required to file -- Payment of tax -- Retaliatory rates. [Effective January 1, 2011.] --</u> Every domestic, foreign, or alien insurance company, mutual association,

organization, or other insurer, including any health maintenance organization, as defined in

6 section 27-41-1, any medical malpractice insurance joint underwriters association as defined in

7 section 42-14.1-1, any nonprofit dental service corporation as defined in section 27-20.1-2 and

any nonprofit hospital or medical service corporation, as defined in chapters 27-19 and 27-20,

except companies mentioned in section 44-17-6, and organizations defined in section 27-25-1,

transacting business in this state, shall, on or before March 1 in each year, file with the tax

administrator, in the form that he or she may prescribe, a return under oath or affirmation signed

by a duly authorized officer or agent of the company, containing information that may be deemed
 necessary for the determination of the tax imposed by this chapter, and shall at the same time pay

an annual tax to the tax administrator of two percent (2%) of the gross premiums on contracts of

insurance, except for ocean marine insurance, as referred to in section 44-17-6, covering property

and risks within the state, written during the calendar year ending December 31st next preceding,

but in the case of foreign or alien companies, except as provided in section 27-2-17(d) the tax is

not less in amount than is imposed by the laws of the state or country under which the companies

19 are organized upon like companies incorporated in this state or upon its agents, if doing business

- 1 to the same extent in the state or country.
- 2 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

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This act would exempt any medical malpractice insurance joint underwriters association
from having to pay an annual tax of two percent (2%) of its gross premiums on contracts of
insurance.

This act would take effect upon passage.