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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

#### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

### AN ACT

#### RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - REFERRAL TO SPECIALISTS

Introduced By: Representative Stephen R. Ucci

Date Introduced: February 16, 2012

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1	SECTION 1. Title 23 of the General	Laws	entitled	"Health	and	Safety"	is	hereby
2	amended by adding thereto the following chapter	:						

3	CHAPTER 87
4	REFERRAL TO SPECIALISTS
5	23-87-1. Title. – This act shall be known as the "Frances Grasso Specialist Referral Act".
6	23-87-2. Patients' rights A patient who has been diagnosed with a life-threatening

7 illness and is in need of a referral to a medical specialist shall have the right to specify the

- 8 specialist to whom he or she shall be referred.
- 9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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### EXPLANATION

### BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

### OF

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- 1 This act would permit patients with life-threatening illnesses to specify the specialist to
- 2 whom they are referred.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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