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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

AN ACT

RELATING TO INSURANCE - UNFAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES

<u>Introduced By:</u> Senator Roger Picard <u>Date Introduced:</u> February 15, 2012 <u>Referred To:</u> Senate Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- SECTION 1. Section 27-29-17.5 of the General Laws in Chapter 27-29 entitled "Unfair
 Competition and Practices" is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 3 <u>27-29-17.5. Insured's right to loss information. [Effective January 1, 2012.] --</u> (a) 4 Upon written request by the first named insured or such insured's authorized agent or broker, the 5 insurer shall provide the following loss information, for the period of time coverage has been 6 provided by the insurer or for five (5) years whichever is less, within fourteen (14) days of such 7 request:
- 8 (1) Information on closed claims, including date and descriptions of occurrence, and
 9 payments; and
- 10 (2) Information on open claims, including date and description of occurrence, and
 11 amounts of any payments and or loss reserves; and.

12 (3) Information on notice of any occurrences, including date and description of
 13 occurrence.

(b) Nothing in this section shall affect the confidentiality requirements pursuant to
chapter 5-37.3 and to insurance regulations 99 (privacy of consumer financial information) and
100 (privacy of consumer health information) as promulgated by the department of business
regulation.

(c) This section shall not apply to life, accident, health, personal automobile,
homeowner's, dwelling and boat, personal recreational vehicles, personal excess liability,

- 1 personal umbrella, or reinsurance policies, nor shall it apply to loss reserves or notices of
- 2 occurrences for the following policies:
- 3 (1) Medical malpractice and medical professional liability insurance;
- 4 (2) Liability insurance for clinical trials, kidnap and ransom; and
- 5 (3) Commercial property for highly protected risks as defined in paragraph 27-65-
- 6 1(a)(4)(i); provided, however, for commercial property for highly protected risk policies as herein
- 7 defined, all loss reserves or notices of occurrences shall be required in the event of the non-
- 8 renewal or cancellation of the insured.
- 9 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, loss reserve information for
- 10 claims subject to a documented coverage dispute between the insurer and the insured need not be
- 11 provided to the first named insured or such insured's authorized agent or broker.
- 12 SECTION 2. 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 loss reserve information for claims subject to a documented 2 coverage dispute between an insurer and an insured need not be provided to the first named 3 insured or such insured's authorized agent or broker.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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