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ARTICLE 3

RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS

SECTION 1. Chapter 36-12 of the General Law entitled "Insurance Benefits" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

36-12-2.5. Health insurance benefits – effect of divorce on continuing coverage of former spouse. -- [Former spouses of state employees shall be removed from the state employee's family health plan on January 1, 2014, or on the date of the entry of final judgment for divorce. The former spouse may purchase COBRA coverage consistent with federal law.](#)

SECTION 2. This article shall take effect upon passage.