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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

#### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

### AN ACT

#### RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

Introduced By: Representatives Morgan, Hull, Chippendale, Corvese, and Giarrusso Date Introduced: June 26, 2013

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- SECTION 1. Chapter 27-18 of the General Laws entitled "Accident and Sickness
  Insurance Policies" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
- 3 <u>27-18-28.1. Alternative plans to be offered. --</u> For every qualified program and health
- 4 insurance plan offered through the Rhode Island health benefits exchange that includes coverage
- 5 for abortion services, the exchange shall also offer an alternative version of the program or plan
- 6 which does not provide coverage for abortion services. The cost or rate of each such alternative
- 7 program or plan shall be reduced so as to incorporate and reflect the elimination of such coverage
- 8 for abortion services. For purposes of this section, the term "abortion" shall have the same
- 9 meaning as set forth in chapter 23-4.7 ("Informed Consent for Abortion").
- 10 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 require that for every health insurance plan offered through the Rhode 2 Island health benefits exchange which includes coverage for abortion services, the exchange 3 would also offer an alternative version of the program or plan which does not provide coverage 4 for abortion services, the cost of which would reflect the elimination of such coverage. 5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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