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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CATASTROPHIC HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN
ACT

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, DiPalma, Lombardi, Goodwin, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: June 27, 2013

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-62 of the General Laws entitled "Catastrophic Health Insurance
2 Plan Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **42-62-29. Alternative plans to be offered.** -- 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 but is otherwise identical. The cost or rate
7 of each such alternative program or plan shall be reduced so as to incorporate and reflect the
8 elimination of such coverage, including, but not limited to, mandatory abortion fees for abortion
9 services. For purposes of this section, the term "abortion" shall have the same meaning as set
10 forth in chapter 23-4.7 ("Informed Consent for Abortion").

11 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 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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