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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO INSURANCE -- SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE
AVAILABILITY ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Morgan, Giarrusso, Price, Chippendale, and Filippi

Date Introduced: January 28, 2016

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 27-50 of the General Laws entitled "Small Employer Health
2 Insurance Availability Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **27-50-18. Group insurance purchase by small businesses.** – In order to continue to
4 improve the overall fairness and efficiency of the small group health insurance market, small
5 employer carriers shall permit small employers, collectively as a group, to purchase group health
6 plans, health benefit plans, wellness health benefit plans, and any other form of health insurance
7 plan authorized by this chapter.

8 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 small employer insurers to permit small employers, collectively as
- 2 a group, to purchase group health insurance plans.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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