

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO INSURANCE

Introduced By: Representatives Almeida, Knight, Ajello, and Walsh

Date Introduced: February 09, 2017

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 27-18-28 of the General Laws in Chapter 27-18 entitled "Accident
2 and Sickness Insurance Policies" is hereby repealed.

3 ~~**27-18-28. Health insurance contracts -- Abortion.**~~

4 ~~(a) No health insurance contract, plan, or policy, delivered or issued for delivery in the
5 state, shall provide coverage for induced abortions, except where the life of the mother would be
6 endangered if the fetus were carried to term or where the pregnancy resulted from rape or incest,
7 and except by an optional rider for which there must be paid an additional premium. This section
8 shall be applicable to all contracts, plans, or policies of:~~

9 ~~(1) All health insurers subject to this title;~~

10 ~~(2) All group and blanket health insurers subject to this title;~~

11 ~~(3) All nonprofit hospital, medical, surgical, dental, and health service corporations; and~~

12 ~~(4) All health maintenance organizations;~~

13 ~~(5) Any provision of medical, hospital, surgical, and funeral benefits, and of coverage
14 against accidental death or injury, when the benefits or coverage are incidental to or part of other
15 insurance authorized by the statutes of this state.~~

16 ~~(b) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to pertain to insurance coverage
17 for complications as the result of an abortion.~~

18 SECTION 2. Section 36-12-2.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 36-12 entitled "Insurance
19 Benefits" is hereby repealed.

1 ~~36-12-2.1. Health insurance benefits -- Coverage for abortions excluded.~~

2 ~~(a) The state of Rhode Island or any city or town shall not include in any health insurance~~
3 ~~contracts, plans, or policies covering employees, any provision which shall provide coverage for~~
4 ~~induced abortions (except where the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were~~
5 ~~carried to term, or where the pregnancy resulted from rape or incest). This section shall be~~
6 ~~applicable to all contracts, plans or policies of:~~

- 7 ~~(1) All health insurers subject to title 27;~~
8 ~~(2) All group and blanket health insurers subject to title 27;~~
9 ~~(3) All nonprofit hospital, medical, surgical, dental, and health service corporations;~~
10 ~~(4) All health maintenance organizations; and~~
11 ~~(5) Any provision of medical, hospital, surgical, and funeral benefits and of coverage~~
12 ~~against accidental death or injury when the benefits or coverage are incidental to or part of other~~
13 ~~insurance authorized by the statutes of this state.~~

14 ~~(b) Provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to benefits~~
15 ~~provided under existing collective bargaining agreements entered into prior to June 30, 1982.~~

16 ~~(c) Nothing contained herein shall be construed to pertain to insurance coverage for~~
17 ~~complications as the result of an abortion.~~

18 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would repeal the provisions of the general laws that prohibit health insurance
2 coverage for induced abortions for all contracts including those policies covering state and
3 municipal employees.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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