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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

Introduced By: Representatives Bennett, Kazarian, Hull, Lombardi, and O'Brien

Date Introduced: March 01, 2017

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

(Dept. of Health)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-11-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-11 entitled "Sexually
2 Transmitted Diseases" is hereby repealed.

3 ~~**23-11-9. Information confidential -- Penalty for disclosure.**~~

4 ~~All information and reports in connection with persons suffering from or suspected to be
5 suffering from the diseases mentioned in this chapter shall be regarded as absolutely confidential
6 by any and every person, body, or committee whose duty it is or may be to obtain, make,
7 transmit, and receive that information and reports. Any person who knowingly, outside of the
8 requirements of this chapter, divulges the name of or gives any information relating to any person
9 suffering or suspected to be suffering from sexually transmitted diseases shall be imprisoned not
10 more than six (6) months or fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).~~

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 repeal the law which provides enhanced penalties of a fine of not more
2 than \$250 and imprisonment for not more than six months for disclosure of health care
3 information with respect to an individual diagnosis and treatment of a sexually transmitted
4 disease. The confidentiality of the records are protected in §5-37.3 which is the confidentiality of
5 health care communications and information act.

6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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