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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH
GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOLS FOR ADMINISTERING VACCINES TO A MAXIMUM
OF TWO PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN UNDERGOING
CHEMOTHERAPY, AND ONE CAREGIVER OF AN ADULT UNDERGOING
CHEMOTHERAPY IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE PATIENT

Introduced By: Representatives Fenton-Fung, Casimiro, Shallcross Smith, Potter, Serpa,
Phillips, Place, Newberry, Knight, and Chippendale

Date Introduced: February 25, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, A cancer diagnosis and the resulting need for chemotherapy is a highly
2 stressful situation for anyone going through this process, particularly children and their families,
3 and adults dependent on their caregivers, who are often close family members; and

4 WHEREAS, To ensure that patients are not exposed to Covid-19 while undergoing
5 chemotherapy, yet are still being assisted by their loved ones during such a trying time, is of
6 paramount importance; and

7 WHEREAS, The support of family members and loved ones is a vital component in an
8 individual's fight against cancer. Having the support of a parent or caregiver while undergoing
9 chemotherapy provides immeasurable help and comfort to a patient in their time of need, and can
10 assist the patient and medical staff in ensuring the best possible medical results and recovery
11 process; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
13 respectfully requests the Department of Health to establish guidelines and protocols for
14 administering the Covid-19 Vaccine to a maximum of two parents/legal guardians of children
15 undergoing chemotherapy, and one care giver of an adult undergoing chemotherapy in order to
16 ensure the safety of the patient; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
18 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, and

- 1 Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD, MPH, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health
- 2 (RIDOH).

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