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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHARMACIES

Introduced By: Representatives Tanzi, Canario, Lombardi, Walsh, and Finn

Date Introduced: February 27, 2014

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Legislative findings and Direction. The general assembly hereby finds and
2 declares as follows:

3 (1) Pharmacies in Rhode Island are a critical component of the state's health care system
4 and help to promote the health of the state's population; and

5 (2) Pharmacies and pharmacists play an important role in helping patients understand
6 their health and treatment plans prescribed by health care providers; and

7 (3) Tobacco and tobacco products are inherently dangerous and potentially deadly; and

8 (4) The sale of tobacco products is incompatible with the mission of health care
9 institutions because it is detrimental to public health and undermines efforts to educate patients on
10 the safe and effective use of medication.

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 5-19.1 of the General Laws entitled "Pharmacies" is hereby
12 amended by adding thereto the following section:

13 **5-19.1-32. Prohibition on sale of tobacco.** – [Any retail establishment that includes a](#)
14 [pharmacy shall be prohibited from selling, giving or offering any tobacco in the form of](#)
15 [cigarettes, bidi cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, flavored cigars known as “blunts”, unflavored](#)
16 [“blunts”, flavored and unflavored blunt wraps, cigarette rolling papers of any size or composition,](#)
17 [cigarillos, and tiparillos, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, or snuff.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would prohibit the sale of tobacco at any retail establishment which has a
2 pharmacy in the location.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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