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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE
INFORMATION ON THE BIRTH, MORTALITY RATE, AND AMOUNT AND DURATION
OF MEDICAL PROCEDURES USED FOR PREMATURE BABIES

Introduced By: Representatives Perez, Chippendale, McLaughlin, Fellela, and
Quattrocchi

Date Introduced: January 31, 2018

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

1 WHEREAS, Discussions on end-of-life issues and mortality rates are difficult,
2 particularly when they concern infants; and

3 WHEREAS, The right to control and/or authorize decisions related to the medical care of
4 premature infants is acutely complex and heart-wrenching; and

5 WHEREAS, While the rate of mortality for premature babies has declined significantly
6 over the past two decades, there are some babies who are born too soon, or are too small, to either
7 save or save without serious disability or morbidity; and

8 WHEREAS, Therein lies the issue. How early is too early? How small is too small?
9 And, what disabilities are too significant to overcome?; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
11 Providence Plantations hereby respectfully requests the Director of the Rhode Island Department
12 of Health to compile the following information for the past five (5) years:

13 (1) Number of babies born premature in Rhode Island;

14 (2) The mortality rate for these premature babies; and

15 (3) The number of premature babies requiring/receiving additional/extraordinary services
16 within the first three (3) days, three (3) months, and one year; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That this House hereby requests the Director of the Rhode Island
18 Department of Health report back its findings to the House of Representatives on or before June
19 5, 2018; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
2 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Director of the Department of Health.

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