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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE HOSPITAL CONVERSIONS ACT

Introduced By: Senators Tassoni, and Ciccone

Date Introduced: February 11, 2010

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-17.14-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-17.14 entitled "The
2 Hospital Conversions Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-17.14-5. Prior approval required -- Department of attorney general and**
4 **department of health.** -- (a) A conversion shall require review and approval from the department
5 of attorney general and from the department of health in accordance with the provisions of this
6 chapter; provided, however, that no hospital corporation licensed by the State of Rhode Island
7 shall be allowed and/or approved to purchase or merge with any other hospital or chain and/or
8 network of hospitals if the resulting entity would control or operate more than fifty percent (50%)
9 of the hospital beds or any other specific subset of services in the state.

10 (b) The review by the departments shall occur concurrently, and neither department shall
11 delay its review or determination because the other department has not completed its review or
12 issued its determination.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would prohibit any hospital, chain and/or network of hospitals from merging
2 when the resulting entity would control or operate more than fifty percent (50%) of the hospital
3 beds or any other specific subset of services in the state.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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