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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - - THE RHODE ISLAND LUPUS EDUCATION
AND AWARENESS PLAN

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, McNamara, Williams, Slater, and Tanzi

Date Introduced: March 27, 2013

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-87-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-87 entitled "The Rhode
2 Island Lupus Education and Awareness Plan" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-87-4. Establishment of the lupus study commission.** -- (a) The director of the
4 department of health shall establish and coordinate a study commission on lupus consisting of
5 ~~nine (9)~~ eleven (11) members, all of whom shall be appointed by the director of the department of
6 health. The first chairperson shall be a representative of the Lupus Foundation of ~~America, Inc.~~
7 New England and shall serve for a two (2) year term. Subsequent chairpersons shall be elected by
8 the membership of the study commission from among its members.

9 (b) The commission shall be composed of:

10 (1) ~~Two (2)~~ Three (3) individuals with lupus;

11 (2) One scientist with experience in lupus and who participates in various fields of
12 scientific endeavor, including, but not limited to, biomedical research, social, translational,
13 behavioral or epidemiological research recommended by the medical and scientific council of the
14 Lupus Foundation of America, Inc;

15 (3) Two (2) physicians with experience in treating people with lupus and recommended
16 by the Rhode Island medical society;

17 (4) One nurse practitioner with experience in treating people with lupus and
18 recommended by the Rhode Island nurse practitioners' council;

1 (5) One local representative from the Lupus Foundation of America, Inc. and one
2 representative from the Lupus Foundation of New England;

3 (6) One representative recommended by the department of health's minority health
4 advisory committee; and

5 (7) One representative recommended by the women's health council of Rhode Island.

6 (c) ~~All appointments to the study commission shall be made not later than sixty (60) days~~
7 ~~after the effective date of this chapter.~~ Members of the commission shall serve terms of two (2)
8 years. A member may be appointed to serve not more than two (2) terms, whether or not
9 consecutive.

10 (d) The commission shall meet at the call of the chair and no less than on a quarterly
11 basis each year.

12 (e) ~~Five (5)~~ Six (6) members of the study commission shall constitute a quorum. A
13 majority vote of a quorum shall be required for any official action of the study commission.

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

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1 This act would increase the composition of the lupus study commission from nine (9)
2 members to eleven (11) members, by including another individual with lupus and a representative
3 from the Lupus Foundation of New England.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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