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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO INSURANCE

Introduced By: Representatives Ajello, Carson, Kazarian, Ranglin-Vassell, and
Donovan

Date Introduced: January 10, 2018

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 27-18 of the General Laws entitled "Accident and Sickness
2 Insurance Policies" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **27-18-84. Mandated coverage for pregnant applicants.**

4 [No pregnant applicant for insurance coverage regulated by this chapter shall be denied](#)
5 [coverage due to her pregnancy. Coverage shall be effective as of the first of the month in which](#)
6 [her pregnancy is verified by a licensed health care practitioner.](#)

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 27-19 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Hospital Service
8 Corporations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

9 **27-19-76. Mandated coverage for pregnant applicants.**

10 [No pregnant applicant for insurance coverage regulated by this chapter shall be denied](#)
11 [coverage due to her pregnancy. Coverage shall be effective as of the first of the month in which](#)
12 [her pregnancy is verified by a licensed health care practitioner.](#)

13 SECTION 3. Chapter 27-20 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Medical Service
14 Corporations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

15 **27-20-72. Mandated coverage for pregnant applicants.**

16 [No pregnant applicant for insurance coverage regulated by this chapter shall be denied](#)
17 [coverage due to her pregnancy. Coverage shall be effective as of the first of the month in which](#)
18 [her pregnancy is verified by a licensed health care practitioner.](#)

19 SECTION 4. Chapter 27-41 of the General Laws entitled "Health Maintenance

1 Organizations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

2 **27-41-89. Mandated coverage for pregnant applicants.**

3 No pregnant applicant for insurance coverage regulated by this chapter shall be denied
4 coverage due to her pregnancy. Coverage shall be effective as of the first of the month in which
5 her pregnancy is verified by a licensed health care practitioner.

6 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would provide that no pregnant applicant for medical insurance coverage be
2 denied coverage due to her pregnancy.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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