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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS - LANGUAGE
INTERPRETERS - USE OF LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS IN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Introduced By: Representatives Knight, McEntee, Craven, McKiernan, and Ruggiero

Date Introduced: February 28, 2018

Referred To: House Judiciary

(Judiciary)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 8-19 of the General Laws entitled "Language Interpreters - Use of
2 Language Interpreters in Legal Proceedings" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following
3 section:

4 **8-19-7. Confidential communications.**

5 No interpreter/transliterators appointed pursuant to this chapter to interpret or translate for
6 limited-English-proficient persons in proceedings before the state courts in Rhode Island shall be
7 called upon to testify concerning any statement(s) made to them in connection with the
8 interpreter's or transliterator's interpretation or transliteration without the consent of the person
9 making the statement or unless compelled by court order.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would protect communications between language interpreters appointed under
- 2 this chapter and limited-English-proficient persons.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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