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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PRICE DIFFERENTIALS

Introduced By: Representatives Trillo, Lima, DeSimone, Palumbo, and Carnevale

Date Introduced: March 17, 2010

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Title 23 of the General Laws entitled "HEALTH AND SAFETY" is hereby 2 amended by adding thereto the following chapter: 3 **CHAPTER 17.25** 4 PRICE DIFFERENTIALS 5 23-17.25-1. Prohibition of differential charges. -- No provider of medical, dental, pharmaceutical or hospital supplies, goods or services shall charge an uninsured patient or 6 7 customer at a higher rate for those supplies, goods or services than the lowest rate charged by 8 such provider to an insured patient or customer or an uninsured patient or customer covered by a 9 governmental program. 10 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

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