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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 -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY --
WITNESSES

Introduced By: Representatives Perez, McEntee, Solomon, Fellela, and Ucci

Date Introduced: March 28, 2018

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 9-17 of the General Laws entitled "Witnesses" is hereby amended
2 by adding thereto the following section:

3 **9-17-26. Privileged communications - Interpreters and limited English proficient**
4 **(LEP) persons.**

5 Whenever a limited English proficient (LEP) interpreter is used to facilitate a confidential
6 communication which is privileged pursuant to either statutory or common law, the limited
7 English proficient (LEP) interpreter shall not be compelled to testify in any forum in any civil or
8 criminal action regarding that communication.

9 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 provide that an LEP interpreter shall not be compelled to testify in any
2 civil or criminal action wherein communication is privileged pursuant to statutory or common
3 law.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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