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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- INTERSTATE COMPACT ON ADOPTION
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ACT--DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Introduced By: Representatives Naughton, Ajello, Ackerman, Handy, and Regunberg

Date Introduced: June 09, 2016

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 15-7.1 of the General Laws entitled "Interstate Compact on
2 Adoption and Medical Assistance" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **15-7.1-5. Continued payments.** – (a) Notwithstanding any regulations to the contrary,
4 including, but not limited to, the department of children, youth and families ("DCYF") adoption
5 subsidy regulations, the DCYF shall promulgate rules, regulations and plans for an eligible
6 subsequent foster parent/adoptive parent to continue to receive the adoption subsidy and medical
7 assistance for a special needs child after the death of both adoptive parents or a single adoptive
8 parent of a special needs child receiving an adoption subsidy/adopted assistance, pursuant to §15-
9 7.1-1.

10 (b) For the purpose of this section:

11 (1) "Parent(s)" means one or two (2) persons who are married or who live together
12 including individuals of the same sex.

13 (2) "Adoption" means the creation of a parent-child relationship by judicial order
14 between one party and/or two (2) parties and a child or children.

15 (3) "Foster parent(s)" means a party or parties who have a child/children placed in their
16 home with a person or persons who provide parental care.

17 (4) "Special needs child" means a child/children with medical problems or with a
18 physical or emotional handicap.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require the DCYF to promulgate rules and a plan to continue the adoption
2 subsidy/adoption assistance for a special needs child upon the death of both adoptive parents or of
3 a single parent of a special needs child(ren) for subsequent eligible foster parent(s) or adoptive
4 parent(s).

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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