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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- WOMEN'S CARDIOVASCULAR SCREENING  
AND RISK REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM

Introduced By: Senators Crowley, Sosnowski, DeVall, Perry, and Miller

Date Introduced: January 19, 2011

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           WHEREAS, Heart disease, stroke and other forms of cardiovascular disease are the  
2 number one cause of death for women each year; and

3           WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease kills more women annually than the next five (5)  
4 leading causes of death combined, which includes all forms of cancer; and

5           WHEREAS, Despite the statistics, many patients and health care providers alike tend to  
6 think of heart disease as a disease that primarily afflicts men; and

7           WHEREAS, In February 2004, the American Heart Association began the vigorous "Go  
8 Red for Women" public awareness campaign and a survey conducted in 2007 by the American  
9 Heart Association found that forty-three percent (43%) of women are still not aware that heart  
10 disease is the leading cause of death among women; and

11           WHEREAS, The WISEWOMEN program, administered by the Centers for Disease  
12 Control and Prevention, provides low-income, underinsured, or uninsured women between forty  
13 (40) and sixty-four (64) years of age with chronic disease risk factor screening, lifestyle  
14 intervention, and referral services in an effort to prevent cardiovascular disease and promote  
15 healthy lifestyles; and

16           WHEREAS, WISEWOMEN programs provide standard preventive services, including  
17 blood pressure and cholesterol testing and lifestyle programs targeting poor nutrition, physical  
18 inactivity, and smoking; and



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- 1           This act would establish a women's cardiovascular screening and risk reduction pilot
- 2 program.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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