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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CATASTROPHIC HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN
ACT

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, DiPalma, Lombardi, Goodwin, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: June 27, 2013

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-62 of the General Laws entitled "Catastrophic Health Insurance
2 Plan Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **42-62-29. Alternative plans to be offered.** – [\(a\) In accordance with 42 USC 18054 \(a\)](#)
4 [\(1\), the federal government must provide and offer at least one qualified health insurance plan on](#)
5 [each state Health Insurance Exchange that does not cover elective abortion services as described](#)
6 [in 42 USC 18023\(b\)\(1\)\(B\)\(i\). Abortion services are therein described as those for which the](#)
7 [expenditure of Federal funds appropriated for the US Department of Health and Human Services](#)
8 [is not permitted. Further, in accordance with 42 USC 18054 \(a\) \(1\) : "Such plans shall provide](#)
9 [individual, or in the case of small employers, group coverage."](#)

10 **(b) Until such time as a federally approved health plan in accordance with subsection (a)**
11 [is provided to and offered by the RI Health Benefits Exchange, the following provision shall](#)
12 [apply: Of the qualified program and health insurance plans offered through the Rhode Island](#)
13 [health benefits exchange, three \(3\) such plans shall have procedures to permit individuals to opt](#)
14 [out of abortion services. If it is determined that the cost of said plans may result in savings, such](#)
15 [savings may be reimbursed to the individual as a refund or dividend. For purposes of this section,](#)
16 [the term "abortion" shall have the same meaning as set forth in chapter 23-4.7 \("Informed](#)
17 [Consent for Abortion"\).](#)

18 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage sunset in accordance with subsection

1 (b).

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require that for every health insurance plan offered through the Rhode
2 Island health benefits exchange to offer three (3) plans that have procedures to permit individuals
3 to opt out of abortion services. Any savings would be reimbursed to the individual as a refund or
4 dividend.

5 This act would take effect upon passage sunset in accordance with subsection (b).

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