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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO INSURANCE - HEALTH INSURANCE - COPAYMENTS

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, McBurney, Goodwin, and Walaska

Date Introduced: February 11, 2010

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 27-18 of the General Laws entitled "Accident and Sickness
2 Insurance Policies" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **27-18-70. Ambulance co-payments. --** Any ambulance co-payment or deductible in
4 excess of fifty dollars (\$50.00) due from the patient and billed to the patient by any licensed
5 ambulance service provider and not collected by the ambulance provider from the patient within
6 ninety (90) days of being billed to the patient shall be billed back to the patient's medical
7 insurance company. The insurance company shall then reimburse the licensed ambulance service
8 any amount due in excess of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for any co-payment or deductible amount due
9 within thirty (30) days.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require that health insurance companies pay bills for ambulance copays or
2 deductibles in excess of fifty dollars (\$50.00) if the patient has not paid the bill within ninety (90)
3 days.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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