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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MEDICARE ENROLLMENT

Introduced By: Representatives Alzate, Morales, Furtado, McGaw, Shanley, and Batista

Date Introduced: February 11, 2026

Referred To: House Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 36-12.2 of the General Laws entitled "Medicare Enrollment" is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **36-12.2-2. Medicare eligibility.**

4           (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other general or public law to the contrary, in  
5 determining eligibility for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary, Specified Low-Income Medicare  
6 Beneficiary and Qualified Individual programs, described in 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(E), also  
7 known as the Medicare Saving or Medicare Buy-In programs, the Rhode Island executive office of  
8 health and human services (EOHHS) shall disregard all assets or resources. Implementation of this  
9 subsection shall be contingent upon receiving federal approvals described in subsection (b) of this  
10 section.

11           (b) Prior to implementing subsection (a) of this section, the EOHHS shall obtain all  
12 required federal approvals including, amending its state plan, as necessary, and shall promulgate  
13 regulations to implement this section.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require the EOHHS to disregard an individual's assets or resources, when  
2 determining an individual's eligibility for any Medicare beneficiary program, contingent on federal  
3 approval.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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