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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RETENTION OF X-RAYS

Introduced By: Representatives Fogarty, McEntee, Casimiro, Kazarian, Cassar, Alzate,  
Felix, McGaw, Williams, and Vella-Wilkinson

Date Introduced: April 06, 2022

Referred To: House Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-4.9-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-4.9 entitled "Retention  
2 of X-Rays" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-4.9-1. Retention of x-rays by health care providers.**

4 Every physician, surgeon, hospital, health maintenance organization, or any other health  
5 care facility or provider that takes a mammography x-ray of any individual within this state shall  
6 keep and maintain that mammography x-ray for the period required by the Centers for Medicare  
7 and Medicaid Services. ~~life of the individual. Provided, further, however, that any mammography~~  
8 ~~x ray may be destroyed if the individual has had no contact with the physician, surgeon, hospital,~~  
9 ~~health maintenance organization, or other health care facility or provider for a period exceeding~~  
10 ~~fifteen (15) years.~~

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would amend the retention of x-ray statute by eliminating retention for the life of  
2 the individual to retention for whatever period is required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
3 Services.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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