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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2003

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RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- ADOPTION OF CHILDREN

Introduced By: Senators Paiva-Weed, Connors, Roberts, Perry, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: February 26, 2003

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 15-7 of the General Laws entitled "Adoption of Children" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **15-7-27. Artificial insemination.** -- (a) A man who donates his sperm to a licensed
4 physician or licensed health care facility for use in the artificial insemination of a woman, other
5 than the donor's wife, shall be treated as if he were not the natural father of a child thereby
6 conceived unless mutually agreed in writing by the male donor and the artificially inseminated
7 woman.

8 (b) Any man who donates his sperm for use in artificial insemination, pursuant to this
9 section, or any person claiming by or through him, shall have no right, obligation, or interest in
10 any child born as a result of such artificial insemination.

11 (c) Any child born as a result of an artificial insemination of sperm donated under the
12 conditions set forth in subsection (a) above shall have no right, obligation or interest with respect
13 to the male sperm donor pursuant to 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 mandate that any donor whose sperm is used in artificial insemination be
2 treated as if he were not the natural father of any child so conceived. In addition, such a donor
3 would have no right, obligation or interest in such child, nor would the child have any right,
4 obligation, or interest in the donor.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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