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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND
HOSPITALS - DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS

Introduced By: Representatives Bennett, McNamara, Amore, E Coderre, and Ruggiero

Date Introduced: March 06, 2013

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 40.1-1-3.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 40.1-1 entitled
2 "Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals" is hereby
3 amended to read as follows:

4 **40.1-1-3.1. New title for department.** – (a) Wherever in the general or public laws, or
5 any rule or regulation, any reference to the "department of mental health, retardation and
6 hospitals" or to "department" shall appear, it shall be deemed to mean and shall mean "the
7 department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals."

8 (b) Wherever in the general or public laws, or any rule or regulation, there appears any
9 reference to "mental retardation" or "retardation" as it relates to development disabilities, mental
10 illness, or mental disability, said reference shall be deemed to mean and shall mean
11 "developmental disabilities" and shall upon enactment of this section be referred to as
12 "developmental disabilities."

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

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- 1 This act would mean that any reference in the general laws to "mental retardation" or
- 2 "retardation" shall mean "developmental disabilities."
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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