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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

Introduced By: Senator Roger Picard

Date Introduced: January 24, 2013

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-17 of the General Laws entitled "Licensing of Health Care
2 Facilities" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **23-17-49.1. Required use of a brain monitor or pulse oximeter with general**
4 **anesthesia. – Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary contained in any general or**
5 **public law, rule or regulation, during any medical procedure where a patient will be rendered**
6 **unconscious as a result of the use of general anesthesia, a brain monitor or a pulse oximeter,**
7 **whereby the oxygenation of a patient is monitored, must also be used.**

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

10 **27-18-79. Coverage for use of a brain monitor or pulse oximeter with general**
11 **anesthesia. – All expenses associated with the use of a brain monitor or a pulse oximeter are**
12 **eligible for reimbursement, where the use of general anesthesia is eligible for reimbursement,**
13 **under the provisions of any individual or group health insurance contract, plan or policy entered**
14 **into or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2014.**

15 SECTION 3. Chapter 27-19 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Hospital Service
16 Corporations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

17 **27-19-70. Coverage for use of a brain monitor or pulse oximeter with general**
18 **anesthesia. – All expenses associated with the use of a brain monitor or a pulse oximeter are**
19 **eligible for reimbursement, where the use of general anesthesia is eligible for reimbursement,**

1 [under the provisions of any individual or group health insurance contract, plan or policy entered](#)
2 [into or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2014.](#)

3 SECTION 4. Chapter 27-20 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Medical Service
4 Corporations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

5 **27-20-66. Coverage for use of a brain monitor or pulse oximeter with general**
6 **anesthesia.** – [All expenses associated with the use of a brain monitor or a pulse oximeter are](#)
7 [eligible for reimbursement, where the use of general anesthesia is eligible for reimbursement,](#)
8 [under the provisions of any individual or group health insurance contract, plan or policy entered](#)
9 [into or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2014.](#)

10 SECTION 5. Chapter 27-20.1 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Dental Service
11 Corporations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

12 **27-20.1-21. Coverage for use of a brain monitor or pulse oximeter with general**
13 **anesthesia.** – [All expenses associated with the use of a brain monitor or a pulse oximeter are](#)
14 [eligible for reimbursement, where the use of general anesthesia is eligible for reimbursement,](#)
15 [under the provisions of any individual or group health insurance contract, plan or policy entered](#)
16 [into or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2014.](#)

17 SECTION 6. Chapter 27-41 of the General Laws entitled "Health Maintenance
18 Organizations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

19 **27-41-83. Coverage for use of a brain monitor or pulse oximeter with general**
20 **anesthesia.** – [All expenses associated with the use of a brain monitor or a pulse oximeter are](#)
21 [eligible for reimbursement, where the use of general anesthesia is eligible for reimbursement,](#)
22 [under the provisions of any individual or group health insurance contract, plan or policy entered](#)
23 [into or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2014.](#)

24 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would require the use of a brain monitor or pulse oximeter whenever a patient
- 2 will be rendered unconscious by the use of general anesthesia.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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