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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN

Introduced By: Senators Pichardo, Metts, Goodwin, Goldin, and Nesselbush

Date Introduced: February 06, 2013

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-9-13.7 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-9 entitled "Children"
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-9-13.7. Signs concerning sales to individuals under age eighteen (18).** -- Signs
4 provided by the department of ~~mental health, retardation and hospitals~~ behavioral healthcare,
5 developmental disabilities and hospitals, or an exact duplicate of it made privately, shall:

6 (1) Contain in red bold lettering a minimum of three-eighths (3/8") inch high on a white
7 background the following wording in both English and Spanish:

8 THE SALE OF CIGARETTES AND OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO PERSONS
9 UNDER THE AGE OF 18 IS AGAINST RHODE ISLAND LAW (Section 11-9-13.8(1), Rhode
10 Island General Laws) PHOTO ID FOR PROOF OF AGE IS REQUIRED FOR PURCHASE.

11 (2) Contain the phone number at the department of ~~mental health, retardation and~~
12 ~~hospitals~~ behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals, where violations of
13 sections 11-9-13.2 -- 11-9-13.19 can be reported, in addition to any other information required by
14 the department of ~~mental health, retardation and hospitals~~ behavioral healthcare, developmental
15 disabilities and hospitals.

16 (3) Be displayed prominently for public view wherever tobacco products are sold at each
17 cash register, each tobacco vending machine, or any other place from which tobacco products are
18 sold. The signs shall be electronically available in both English and Spanish online at the
19 department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals' website.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 11-9 of the General Laws entitled "Children" is hereby amended
2 by adding thereto the following section:

3 **11-9-13.8.1. Signs concerning the health effects of tobacco.** – Signs provided by the
4 department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals, or an exact
5 duplicate of it made privately, shall:

6 (1) Contain red bold lettering a minimum of one-quarters of an inch (1/4") high on a
7 white background the following wording, in both English and Spanish: WARNING: SMOKING
8 CIGARETTES CONTRIBUTES TO LUNG DISEASE, CANCER, HEART DISEASE,
9 STROKE AND RESPIRATORY ILLNESS AND DURING PREGNANCY MAY RESULT IN
10 LOW BIRTH WEIGHT AND PREMATURE BIRTH.

11 (2) The signs shall also include information regarding resources available to Rhode Island
12 residents who would like to quit smoking.

13 (3) The signs shall be displayed prominently for public view wherever tobacco products
14 are sold at each cash register, each tobacco vending machine, or any other place from which
15 tobacco products are sold. The signs shall be electronically available in both English and Spanish
16 online at the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals'
17 website.

18 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require that signs provided by the department of behavioral healthcare,
2 developmental disabilities and hospitals providing warnings about the health effects of tobacco,
3 and information on smoking cessation resources be prominently displayed in both English and
4 Spanish.

5 This act would take effect on July 1, 2013.

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