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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH
CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

Introduced By: Senators Satchell, Goldin, Cool Rumsey, Nesselbush, and Miller

Date Introduced: March 06, 2013

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

(Lieutenant Governor)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 5-37.3 of the General Laws entitled "Confidentiality of Health Care
2 Communications and Information Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following
3 section:

4 **5-37.3-12. Patient's rights.** -- Pursuant to this chapter, a patient or authorized
5 representative shall have the following rights:

6 (1) To obtain a copy of the patient's confidential healthcare information and
7 communications relating thereto and such copy shall be provided to the patient within ten (10)
8 business days of the request and shall be provided, without cost to the patient, in either hard copy
9 or in electronic form as requested by the patient;

10 (2) To obtain a copy of the disclosure report pertaining to the patient's confidential
11 healthcare information;

12 (3) To be notified as required by chapter 49-2 of title 11, the Rhode Island identity theft
13 protection act, of a breach of the security system safeguarding the confidentiality of the patients
14 healthcare information and communications related thereto; and

15 (4) To request to amend the patient's information through the provider.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would enumerate additional patient's rights with regards to their confidential
- 2 healthcare information.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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