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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 -- CATASTROPHIC HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN  
ACT

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, DiPalma, Lombardi, Goodwin, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: June 27, 2013

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 42-62 of the General Laws entitled "Catastrophic Health Insurance  
2 Plan Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **42-62-29. Alternative plans to be offered.** – Of the qualified program and health  
4 insurance plans offered through the Rhode Island health benefits exchange, three (3) such plans  
5 shall have procedures to permit individuals to opt out of abortion services. If it is determined that  
6 the cost of said plans may result in savings, such savings may be reimbursed to the individual as a  
7 refund or dividend. For purposes of this section, the term "abortion" shall have the same meaning  
8 as set forth in chapter 23-4.7 ("Informed Consent for Abortion").

9           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 require that for every health insurance plan offered through the Rhode  
2 Island health benefits exchange to offer three (3) plans that have procedures to permit individuals  
3 to opt out of abortion services. Any savings would be reimbursed to the individual as a refund or  
4 dividend.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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