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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - REFERRAL TO SPECIALISTS

Introduced By: Representatives Ucci, Fellela, and Martin

Date Introduced: January 15, 2014

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 23 of the General Laws entitled "HEALTH AND SAFETY" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 93

4 REFERRAL TO SPECIALISTS

5 23-93-1. Title. – This act shall be known as the “Frances Grasso Specialist Referral Act”.

6 23-93-2. Patients’ rights. – A patient who has been diagnosed with a life-threatening
7 illness, and is in need of a referral to a medical specialist, shall have the right to specify the
8 specialist to whom he or she shall be referred.

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 permit patients with life-threatening illnesses to specify the specialist to
2 whom they are referred.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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