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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE - CANCELLING OF HEALTH INSURANCE
POLICIES

Introduced By: Representatives Lima, Carnevale, Azzinaro, Messier, and O`Neill

Date Introduced: February 27, 2014

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 27-18.1-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 27-18.1 entitled
2 "Compliance of Health Benefit Contracts and Medical Assistance Program with Federal Law" is
3 hereby amended to read as follows:

4 ~~27-18.1-3. Exclusions and limitations prohibited.~~ Exclusions, limitations, and
5 cancellations prohibited. – (a) No insurance company, health maintenance organization, or
6 nonprofit corporation may issue, deliver, or renew any contract providing a health benefit or
7 benefits which contains any provisions excluding or limiting its benefits on account of eligibility
8 for or payment of benefits under 42 U.S.C. section 1396 et seq.; provided, that the application of
9 this section shall not increase the personal liability to health care providers of a medical
10 assistance recipient of health services, as those services are defined in section 42-62-4.

11 (b) No policy of health insurance in compliance with the Patient Protection and
12 Affordable care act, Pub. L. 111-148, and the executive order of the governor of Rhode Island
13 number 11-09 shall be altered or cancelled during the term of the contract.

14 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 prohibit Rhode Island health insurers from altering or cancelling health
- 2 benefit policies issued prior to the end of the contract.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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