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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FRAUD

Introduced By: Representatives Morgan, Chippendale, Reilly, Giarrusso, and Roberts

Date Introduced: February 05, 2015

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 40-8-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 40-8 entitled "Medical  
2 Assistance" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **40-8-9. Fraudulent receipt of assistance as larceny -- Penalty. --** Whoever knowingly  
4 makes a false statement or misrepresents a material fact with intent thereby to defraud the state of  
5 any benefit or wrongfully to obtain or increase any benefit either for himself or herself or for any  
6 other person shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than twenty dollars (\$20.00)  
7 nor more than ~~fifty dollars (\$50.00)~~ five hundred dollars (\$500), or by imprisonment for not more  
8 than thirty (30) days, or by both a fine and imprisonment. Each false statement or representation  
9 shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would increase the fine limit for medical assistance benefit fraud to five hundred  
2 dollars (\$500).

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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