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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSENT TO MEDICAL AND SURGICAL
CARE

Introduced By: Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, Maldonado, Messier, Bennett, and
Walsh

Date Introduced: February 28, 2018

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-4.6-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-4.6 entitled "Consent
2 to Medical and Surgical Care" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-4.6-1. Consent to medical and surgical care.**

4 (a) Any person of the age of sixteen (16) or over or married may consent to routine
5 emergency medical or surgical care. A minor parent may consent to treatment of his or her child.

6 (b) In addition to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, any person, including,
7 but not limited to, a minor who is pregnant, may give effective consent for medical, dental, health
8 and hospital services relating to prenatal, delivery, and post-delivery care and any and all
9 medications used for the treatment of pain related thereto including, but not limited to, an
10 epidural. Consent shall not be given pursuant to this subsection for abortion or sterilization.

11 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 provide that any person, including, but not limited to, a minor who is
2 pregnant, could give effective consent for medical, dental, health and hospital services relating to
3 prenatal, delivery, and post-delivery care.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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