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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: Senators Goldin, Sosnowski, Miller, Crowley, and Goodwin

Date Introduced: March 01, 2018

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

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. Consent shall not be
9 given pursuant to this subsection for abortion or sterilization.

10 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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