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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE
PREVENTION ACT OF 2016

Introduced By: Senators McCaffrey, Miller, DiPalma, and Goldin

Date Introduced: May 16, 2018

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 21-28.9 of the General Laws entitled "The Good Samaritan
2 Overdose Prevention Act of 2016" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **21-28.9-3.1. Narcotic testing product.**

4 (a) Any person may provide, administer, or utilize a narcotic testing product to assist
5 another person in determining whether a narcotic or substance contains chemicals, toxic
6 substances, or hazardous compounds. Narcotic testing products shall include, but not be limited
7 to, fentanyl test strips.

8 (b) A person who provides, administers, or utilizes a narcotic testing product to assist
9 another person shall not be subject to civil liability or criminal prosecution as a result of
10 providing, administering, or utilizing the narcotic testing product to assist another person.

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 allow distribution and utilization of narcotic testing products to assist
2 persons in determining whether drugs contain toxic substances. Narcotic testing products include,
3 but are not limited to, fentanyl testing strips. This act would also provide persons distributing
4 testing products with protection from civil liability or criminal prosecution.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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