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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - LICENSURE OF INTERPRETERS
FOR THE DEAF

Introduced By: Senator Elizabeth A. Crowley

Date Introduced: February 04, 2020

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 5-71 of the General Laws entitled "Licensure of Interpreters for the
2 Deaf" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **5-71-19. Impartiality involving family members and children.**

4 No family member who is under the age of eighteen (18) years of age may work or
5 volunteer interpreting for any deaf or hard-of-hearing patients or clients, in in-patient and out-
6 patient medical facilities, including mental health and behavioral health facilities. Any medical
7 service providers found in violation of this section, will be responsible for such fines and any
8 other disciplinary actions determined by rules and regulations promulgated by the Rhode Island
9 department of health.

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 prohibit a person who is under the age of eighteen (18) to work or
2 volunteer in medical settings including mental health and behavioral health care facilities for any
3 deaf or hard-of-hearing clients or patients.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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