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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR NEW  
HEALTHCARE EQUIPMENT AND NEW INSTITUTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Introduced By: Representatives Place, Hopkins, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Fascia, Santucci,  
Chippendale, and Paplauskas

Date Introduced: January 28, 2026

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 23-15-10 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-15 entitled  
2 "Determination of Need for New Healthcare Equipment and New Institutional Health Services" is  
3 hereby amended to read as follows:

4           **23-15-10. Application fees.**

5           The state agency shall require that any applicant for certificate of need submit an  
6 application fee prior to requesting any review of matters pursuant to the requirements of this  
7 chapter; except that health care facilities owned and operated by the state of Rhode Island shall be  
8 exempt from this application fee requirement. The application fee shall be paid by check made  
9 payable to the general treasurer. Except for applications that propose new or expanded tertiary or  
10 specialty care services as defined in subdivision 23-15-2(10)(vi), submission of any application  
11 filed in accordance with § 23-15-4(d) shall include an application fee of five hundred dollars (\$500)  
12 per application plus an amount equal to one quarter of one percent (0.25%) of the total capital  
13 expenditure costs associated with the application. For an application filed in accordance with the  
14 requirements of § 23-15-5 (Expeditious review), the application shall include an application  
15 processing fee of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750) per application plus an amount equal to  
16 one quarter of one percent (0.25%) of the total capital expenditure costs associated with the  
17 application. Applications that propose new or expanded tertiary or specialty care services as defined  
18 in subdivision 23-15-2(10)(vi), shall include an application fee of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)

1 plus an amount equal to one quarter of one percent (0.25%) of the total capital expenditure costs  
2 associated with the application, which shall be limited to a total of twenty-five thousand dollars  
3 (\$25,000). Application fees shall be non-refundable. All fees received pursuant to this chapter shall  
4 be deposited in the general fund.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would limit the application fees paid under the certificate of need program within  
2 the department of health to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).  
3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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