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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT -- MEDICAL  
ASSISTANCE AND ABORTIONS

Introduced By: Representatives Almeida, Williams, Diaz, Handy, and Ajello

Date Introduced: March 06, 2014

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 40-6 of the General Laws entitled "Public Assistance Act" is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **40-6-30. Public assistance for abortions. --** General public assistance shall be provided  
4 to persons eligible under § 40-6-3.1 and medical care benefits under chapter 8 of title 40 shall be  
5 provided to persons eligible under § 40-8-3, for the performance of abortions determined  
6 exclusively by a pregnant woman, including a woman who is a victim of rape or incest, and a  
7 physician of her choice to be necessary to ameliorate a condition that is deleterious to the  
8 pregnant woman's physical and/or psychological health.

9 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 require general public assistance and medical assistance benefits to be  
2 provided to eligible beneficiaries, including victims of rape or incest, for the performance of  
3 abortions determined exclusively by the pregnant woman and a physician of her choice to be  
4 necessary to ameliorate a condition that is deleterious to the pregnant woman's physical and/or  
5 psychological health.

6           This act would take effect upon passage.

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