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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2004

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS – HEALTH CLUBS

Introduced By: Senators Polisen, Damiani, and Tassoni

Date Introduced: March 02, 2004

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 5-50 of the General Laws entitled "Health Clubs" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **5-50-12. Defibrillators.** – (a) Every health club registered with the department of
4 attorney general pursuant to this chapter shall have at least one (1) automated external
5 defibrillator (AED) on the premises. The AED will at all times be deployed in a manner in which
6 best provides accessibility to staff, members and guests. At least one (1) employee, properly
7 trained by the American Heart Association or comparable state recognized agency in
8 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and AED, must be on duty during hours of operation.

9 (b) Any facility that has a health club on premises that currently complies with all parts
10 within this act shall be exempted from duplication.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect by January 1, 2005.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require health clubs to have AED available on premises and an employee
- 2 qualified in implementation of use. Facilities that have health clubs on premises, such as hotels,
- 3 would be exempted from duplication of this act.
- 4 This act would take effect by January 1, 2005.

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