

1 need to professionalize the health services council and revitalize the certificate of need process;

2 (f) Rhode Island's small size makes us the perfect laboratory to create a unified health
3 care system, planned and coordinated with a functioning public/private partnership, with broad
4 representation of all of the health care stakeholders; and

5 (g) The general assembly finds that the people of this state have a fundamental interest in
6 the establishment of a comprehensive strategic health care planning process and the preparation,
7 maintenance, and implementation of plans to improve the quality, accessibility, portability, and
8 affordability of health care in Rhode Island; that the continued growth, viability and development
9 of the health care infrastructure by the private and public sector requires effective planning by the
10 state; and that state and local plans and programs must be properly coordinated with the planning
11 requirements and programs of the federal government.

12 **23-80-3. Establishment of statewide health planning program – An assessment. – (a)**

13 The director of the department of health, in consultation with an advisory committee composed of
14 representatives of health care consumers, providers and payors, is hereby directed to develop an
15 assessment of the existing state capacity and authority to perform coordinated statewide health
16 planning. Said assessment shall include a plan for the development and revision of strategic plans
17 to improve the quality, accessibility, portability and affordability of the state's health care system,
18 and a study of an expanded role for the department of health in health care planning, including
19 capitol investment expansion and introduction of technology. This assessment shall be submitted
20 to the joint legislative committee on health care oversight, the house committee on finance, and
21 the senate committee on finance, on or before April 1, 2007.

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

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