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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2009

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RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE
SERVICES

Introduced By: Representatives Newberry, Edwards, and Shallcross Smith

Date Introduced: February 12, 2009

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 22-11 of the General Laws entitled "Joint Committee on
2 Legislative Services" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **22-11-3.6. General assembly member health insurance benefits.** – Senators and
4 representatives of the general assembly shall pay a share of their health insurance benefits equal
5 to twenty percent (20%) of the cost of said benefits. Further, no senator or representative who
6 receives a similar taxpayer funded health care benefit from the state or any subdivision thereof, or
7 from any municipality of the state, shall be paid a state subsidy or emolument or waiver in lieu of
8 his or her refusal to accept the state health care benefit.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect the first Tuesday in January of the year 2011.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would require senators and representatives to pay a share for their health
2 insurance benefits equal to twenty percent (20%) of the cost of benefits and would prohibit any
3 payment for waiving health insurance benefits and would prevent those who have a similar state
4 or municipality benefit to forego any emolument in lieu thereof.

5 This act would take effect the first Tuesday of the year 2011.

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