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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2007

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RELATING TO INSURANCE - COCHLEAR IMPLANTS

Introduced By: Representatives Jacquard, Naughton, and Handy

Date Introduced: February 28, 2007

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 27-18 of the General Laws entitled "Accident and Sickness
2 Insurance Policies" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **27-18-69. Mandatory coverage for cochlear implant surgery --** [\(a\) Every individual or](#)
4 [group hospital or medical services plan or policy delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this](#)
5 [state shall provide coverage for cochlear implant surgery.](#)

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 27-19 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Hospital Service
7 Corporations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

8 **27-19-60. Mandatory coverage for cochlear implant surgery. --** [Every individual or](#)
9 [group hospital or medical services plan or policy, delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this](#)
10 [state shall provide coverage for cochlear implant surgery.](#)

11 SECTION 3. Chapter 27-20 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Hospital Service
12 Corporations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

13 **27-20-55. Mandatory coverage for cochlear implant surgery. --** [Every individual or](#)
14 [group health insurance contract, plan or policy, delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this](#)
15 [state shall provide coverage for cochlear implant surgery.](#)

16 SECTION 4. Chapter 27-41 of the General Laws entitled "Health Maintenance
17 Organizations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

18 **27-41-72. Mandatory coverage for cochlear implant surgery. --** [Subscribers to any](#)
19 [health maintenance organization plan shall be afforded coverage for cochlear implant surgery.](#)

1 SECTION 5. 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 insurance coverage for the cochlear implant surgery.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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