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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2002

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - QUARANTINE GENERALLY

Introduced By: Representative Scott P. Rabideau

Date Introduced: February 05, 2002

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-8 of the General Laws entitled "Health and Safety -Quarantine
2 Generally" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **23-8-22. Declaration of health emergency. -- Whenever the governor shall deem it**
4 **advisable for the preservation of public health and the prevention of the spread of epidemic,**
5 **contagious, or infectious diseases, he or she, may by proclamation, take such action and make and**
6 **enforce such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary to prevent the introduction and to**
7 **restrict the spread of such diseases in the state.**

8 The health emergency shall continue until the governor finds that the threat or danger has
9 passed or the health emergency has been dealt with to the extent that emergency conditions no
10 longer exist and terminates the health emergency by executive order or proclamation, but no
11 health emergency may continue for longer than thirty (30) days unless renewed by the governor.
12 The general assembly by concurrent resolution may terminate a health emergency at any time.
13 Thereupon, the governor shall issue an executive order or proclamation ending the health
14 emergency.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would allow the governor to declare a health emergency and take action to
- 2 prevent the introduction and spread of epidemic, contagious or infectious disease in the state.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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