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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ABUSE IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

Introduced By: Senators Lauria, Acosta, Quezada, Vargas, Lawson, Mack, DiMario,
Euer, Pearson, and Ujifusa

Date Introduced: February 26, 2025

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-17.8 of the General Laws entitled "Abuse in Healthcare
2 Facilities" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **23-17.8-2.1. Immigration status of patient.**

4 It shall be violation of the provisions of this chapter for any personnel in any healthcare
5 facility, including any hospital, emergency or urgent care facility, to ask any patient their
6 immigration status or to ask the patient to present proof of their legal presence in the United States.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would prohibit any personnel, in any healthcare facility, from asking the legal
- 2 immigration status of any patient.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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