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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

## IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026**

## A N A C T

RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTHCARE WORKER PLATFORM ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Shanley, Craven, Caldwell, Bennett, Casimiro, Corvese, Morales, Paplauskas, and Hopkins  
Date Introduced: January 09, 2026

Referred To: House Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 23 of the General Laws entitled "HEALTH AND SAFETY" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

## CHAPTER 106

## HEALTHCARE WORKER PLATFORM ACT

5 23-106-1. Title.

6 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Healthcare Worker Platform Act."

## 23-106-2. Definitions.

8           For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and terms have the following  
9           meanings:

10                   (a) "Healthcare worker platform" means any person, company, corporation, partnership, or  
11                   association that operates or offers a platform. A "healthcare worker platform" is not considered a  
12                   "nursing service agency", as defined in § 23-17.7.1-2.

16 (1) Require a healthcare worker to work any specific shifts or specific number of shifts at  
17 a healthcare facility or

1      worker platform.

2      **23-106-3. Licensure of healthcare worker platforms.**

3      (a) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, a healthcare worker platform shall  
4      be excluded from the definition of a "nursing service agency", as defined by §§ 23-17.7.1-3, 23-  
5      17.7.1-10, and 23-17.7.1-19.

6      (b) On or before June 1, 2027, the department of health shall promulgate rules and  
7      regulations that shall require the licensure of each healthcare worker platform that operates or offers  
8      a platform within the state.

9      (c) The department of health may assess an annual licensure fee of one thousand dollars  
10     (\$1,000) per licensee.

11     (d) After September 1, 2027, or by the date the department of health has set for licensure  
12     of healthcare worker platforms pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, whichever is later, no  
13     healthcare worker platform shall operate a platform in the state, unless it is licensed pursuant to  
14     subsection (b) of this section.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1        This act would establish the healthcare worker platform act allowing for the creation of
- 2        healthcare worker platforms, that would offer healthcare shifts enabling healthcare workers to
- 3        perform healthcare services. The healthcare worker platforms would be required to register with
- 4        the department of health and would be considered exempt from classification as a nursing service
- 5        agency.
- 6        This act would take effect upon passage.

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