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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND PROGRAM TO ADDRESS
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Introduced By: Representatives Ackerman, McNamara, Kennedy, Newberry, Shallcross
Smith, Donovan, Fellela, Serpa, Diaz, and Ajello

Date Introduced: May 13, 2026

Referred To: House Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-1.7-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-1.7 entitled "Rhode
2 Island Program to Address Alzheimer's Disease" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-1.7-5. Medical professional training.**

4 (a) All physicians licensed pursuant to chapter 37 of title 5, ~~and~~ nurses licensed pursuant
5 to chapter 34 of title 5, ~~shall, no later than October 1, 2023, complete a one-time course of training~~
6 ~~consisting of~~ and physician assistants licensed pursuant to chapter 54 of title 5, shall complete, per
7 renewal period, a minimum of one hour of instruction on the diagnosis, treatment, and care of
8 patients with cognitive impairments including, but not limited to, Alzheimer's disease and related
9 disorders.

10 (b) The department of health shall promulgate rules to implement the training requirement
11 of subsection (a).

12 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 amend the current law to include all licensed physician assistants along
2 with licensed physicians and nurses who are required, each license renewal period, to complete a
3 minimum of one hour of instruction on the diagnosis, treatment, and care of patients with cognitive
4 impairments including, Alzheimer's disease.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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