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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

## IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

## AN ACT

## RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTHCARE WORKER PLATFORM ACT

Introduced By: Senators Bissaillon, Murray, McKenney, DiMario, and Famiglietti

Date Introduced: January 16, 2026

Referred To: Senate 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, 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.

13        (b) "Platform" means an electronic platform, system, or application through which  
14        healthcare workers can accept one or more shifts to perform healthcare related services at a  
15        healthcare facility.

## 23-106-3. Registration of healthcare worker platforms.

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

1                   **(b) On or before June 1, 2027, the department of health shall promulgate rules and**  
2                   **regulations that shall require the registration of each healthcare worker platform that operates or**  
3                   **offers a platform within the state. The requirements for registration of each healthcare worker**  
4                   **platform shall not exceed the requirements of §§ 23-17.7.1-3, 23-17.7.1-10, and 23-17.7.1-19.**

5                   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 and would require platforms
- 2        offering healthcare shifts to register with the department of health by June 1, 2027, while,
- 3        specifically, exempting them from being classified as nursing service agencies.
- 4        This act would take effect upon passage.

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