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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 -- ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE LICENSING
ACT

Introduced By: Senators Lauria, Ujifusa, Felag, Valverde, Murray, DiMario, Mack, Urso,
Kallman, and Thompson

Date Introduced: February 13, 2026

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 23-17.4-10 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-17.4 entitled "Assisted
Living Residence Licensing Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

23-17.4-10. Regulations, inspections, and investigations.

(a) The licensing agency shall after public hearing pursuant to reasonable notice, adopt,
amend, promulgate, and enforce any rules, regulations, and standards with respect to assisted-living
residences for adults licensed under this chapter as may be designed to further the accomplishment
of the purposes of this chapter in promoting safe and adequate living environments for individuals
in assisted-living residences in the interest of public safety and welfare. These regulations may
provide for the establishment of levels of service provided by the residence.

(b) The licensing agency shall make or cause to be made any inspections and investigations
that it deems necessary by duly authorized agents of the director at any time and frequency
determined by the licensing agency. The licensing agency shall establish regulations to determine
the frequency of inspections that shall include, but not be limited to, the residence's past compliance
with regulations, complaint investigations, quality of care issues and license type. However, the
licensing agency shall:

(1) On, ~~on~~ a biennial basis, conduct an unannounced, on-site inspection of all licensed
assisted-living residences; and

(2) On an annual basis, conduct an unannounced, on-site inspection of those assisted living

1 residences that provide services to residents with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias by means
2 of an Alzheimer's special care unit, in accordance with § 23-17.4-16.2 which inspection shall
3 include the entire assisted living residence and not be limited to the Alzheimer's special care unit.

4 The licensing agency shall, on an annual basis, cause no less than ten percent (10%) of all
5 assisted-living inspections to be conducted, in whole or in part, on nights and/or weekends.

6 (c) Upon request of the licensing agency, health agencies and professionals may share
7 resident health status information with the department of health for the purpose of determining each
8 resident's capability of self preservation.

9 (d) Each assisted-living residence licensed under this chapter shall have a plan for
10 preventing the hazards of residents wandering from the facility. This plan shall be submitted to the
11 licensing agency in a format determined by the director.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require annual inspections of those assisted living residences which contain
- 2 units licensed to treat residents with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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