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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

Introduced By: Representatives Casimiro, Noret, McGaw, and Alzate

Date Introduced: February 12, 2021

Referred To: House Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-17 of the General Laws entitled "Licensing of Healthcare
2 Facilities" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **23-17-65. Extended use of personal protective equipment.**

4 No healthcare facility licensed pursuant to this chapter shall permit the extended use or
5 reuse of personal protective equipment designed to minimize exposure to infection or illness. The
6 director is hereby authorized to establish through rules and regulations standards as to what is
7 normal use and what constitutes extended use.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would prohibit licensed health care facilities from reusing personal protective
2 equipment.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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