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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM --  
CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS

Introduced By: Representatives Amore, and Shekarchi

Date Introduced: May 25, 2022

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 36-10 of the General Laws entitled "Retirement System -  
2 Contributions and Benefits" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

3 **36-10-36.1. Reemployment of retired members of the division of sheriffs.**

4 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 36-10-36 or any public or general law, or rule or  
5 regulation to the contrary, upon the effective date of this section, due to the public health crisis  
6 caused by COVID-19, the provisions of § 36-10-36 relating to post-retirement employment shall  
7 be suspended for any retired member of the division of sheriffs appointed pursuant to § 42-29-1.

8 (b) Unless extended by the general assembly, the provisions of this section shall expire and  
9 sunset on December 31, 2022, at which time the provisions of § 36-10-36 shall apply to retired  
10 members of the division of sheriffs.

11 **36-10-36.2. Reemployment of retired members of the department of health.**

12 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 36-10-36 or any public or general law, or rule or  
13 regulation to the contrary, upon the effective date of this section, due to the public health crisis  
14 caused by COVID-19, the provisions of § 36-10-36 relating to post-retirement employment shall  
15 be suspended for any retired employee of the department of health, who has returned to work at the  
16 department of health on or before April 1, 2022. The suspension of the provisions of § 36-10-36 by  
17 this subsection shall be effective as of April 1, 2022.

18 (b) Unless extended by the general assembly, the provisions of this section shall expire and

1 [sunset on June 30, 2022, at which time the provisions of § 36-10-36 shall apply to retired members](#)  
2 [of the department of health.](#)

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 23-17.5 of the General Laws entitled "Rights of Nursing Home  
4 Patients" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

5 **23-17.5-33.1. Suspension of monetary penalties.**

6 [\(a\) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 23-17.5-33\(b\), \(c\) and \(d\) relating to monetary](#)  
7 [penalties or any public or general law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, upon the effective date of](#)  
8 [this section, due to public health crises caused by COVID-19, the provisions of § 23-17.5-33\(b\),](#)  
9 [\(c\) and \(d\) shall be suspended. The provisions of this section shall apply to any facility in violation](#)  
10 [of § 23-17.5-33 as of April 1, 2022.](#)

11 [\(b\) Unless extended by the general assembly, the provisions of this section, shall expire](#)  
12 [and sunset on June 30, 2022, at which time the monetary penalty provisions of § 23-17.5-33\(b\), \(c\)](#)  
13 [and \(d\) shall apply.](#)

14 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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1           This act would, due to the COVID-19 health crisis, suspend the provisions of § 36-10-36  
2 relating to reemployment of retired sheriffs and employees of the department of health and would  
3 also suspend the provisions of § 23-17.5-33, relating to monetary penalties, with sunset provisions.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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