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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Introduced By: Representatives Melo, Silva, McNamara, Gallison, and San Bento

Date Introduced: February 16, 2012

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 23-17-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-17 entitled "Licensing  
2 of Health Care Facilities" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **23-17-4. License required for health care facility operation.** – (a) No person acting  
4 severally or jointly with any other person shall establish, conduct, or maintain a health care  
5 facility in this state without a license under this chapter; provided, however, that any person, firm,  
6 corporation or other entity which provides volunteer registered and licensed practical nurses to  
7 the public shall not be required to have a license as a health care facility.

8           (b) Each location at which a health care facility provides services shall be licensed;  
9 provided, however, that a hospital shall be permitted to provide limited physician services solely  
10 on an ambulatory basis at other locations that shall not be required to be licensed.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would exempt ambulatory care facilities established by hospitals from the
- 2   licensing requirements of health care facilities.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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