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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Introduced By: Representative Raymond E. Gallison

Date Introduced: May 31, 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 or organized ambulatory care facility shall be permitted to
10 provide solely on an ambulatory basis, limited physician services, other limited professional
11 health care services, and/or other limited professional mental health care services in conjunction
12 with services provided by and at community health centers, community mental health centers,
13 organized ambulatory care facilities or other licensed health care facilities, physicians' offices,
14 and facilities operated by the department of corrections without establishing such locations as
15 additional licensed premises of the hospital or organized ambulatory care facility. The department
16 is further authorized to adopt rules and regulations to accomplish the purpose of this section,
17 including, but not limited to, defining "limited physician services, other limited professional
18 health care services, and/or other limited professional mental health care services."

19 (c) The reimbursement rates for the services rendered in the settings set forth in

1 [subsection \(b\) shall be subject to negotiations between the hospitals or organized ambulatory care](#)
2 [facilities and the payors, respectively, as defined in section 23-17.12-2.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require that health care facilities be licensed; provided, however, on an
2 ambulatory basis, limited services may be provided at locations as named without requiring that
3 such locations be established as additional licensed premises of the hospital and reimbursement
4 will be negotiated between the hospital or organized ambulatory care facility and the respective
5 payors.

6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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