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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY AND
QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Bennett, Slater, Marshall, Canario, and Barros

Date Introduced: February 01, 2017

Referred To: House Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-17.20 of the General Laws entitled "Health Care Facilities
2 Staffing" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **23-17.20-7. Use of non-Rhode Island licensed nurses.**

4 (a) Health care facilities shall report to the department of health the name and state of
5 licensure of any registered nurse performing work duties at the facility who is not licensed in
6 Rhode Island. This information shall be reported to the department within fourteen (14) business
7 days from when the registered nurse not licensed in Rhode Island begins performing work duties
8 at the health care facility. Health care facilities shall also report to the department the name and
9 state of licensure of registered nurses not licensed in Rhode Island, within fourteen (14) business
10 days of when those nurses no longer perform work duties at the facility. The department shall
11 make the above-prescribed information, with the exception of the names of the nurses, available
12 to the public.

13 (b) The department of health shall promulgate regulations to further define the terms,
14 conditions, and requirements of this section.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2018.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would require health care facilities to report to the department of health on the
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