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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LONG-TERM CARE COORDINATING  
COUNCIL

Introduced By: Senators Miller, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: April 25, 2017

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-17.3-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-17.3 entitled "Long-term  
2 Care Coordinating Council" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-17.3-2. Membership.**

4 The council shall be comprised of ~~forty-one (41)~~ members thirty-one (31), as follows: the  
5 lieutenant governor or designee; ~~the secretary of state or designee~~; the director of the department  
6 of health or designee; the ~~director~~ secretary of the ~~department~~ office of health and human services  
7 or designee; the director of the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities  
8 and hospitals or designee; the attorney general or designee; the director of the ~~department~~ division  
9 of elderly affairs or designee; the chair of the Rhode Island advisory commission on aging or  
10 designee; the ~~president~~ director of the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Association of  
11 Retired Persons (AARP) or designee; the ~~director of the Alliance for Long-term Care~~ state long-  
12 term care ombudsman or designee; the president of the Rhode Island Senior Center Directors  
13 Association or designee; the executive director of the Rhode Island chapter of the Alzheimer's  
14 Association or designee; a representative of a not-for-profit long-term care provider organization  
15 other than a nursing home owner, a representative of a long-term care service provider that  
16 primarily serves persons with ~~mental-retardation-or~~ developmental disabilities and a  
17 representative of an assisted living residence other than a nursing home, to be appointed by the  
18 governor; a representative of a not-for-profit nursing home to be appointed by the lieutenant

1 governor; ~~five (5) citizens of the state with no direct or indirect interest in nursing home~~  
2 ~~ownership who have demonstrated concern for the care of the elderly, two (2) of whom shall be~~  
3 ~~appointed by the lieutenant governor, two (2) of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the~~  
4 ~~house of representatives, and one of whom shall be appointed by the President of the senate a~~  
5 public member with no direct interest in long-term care ownership representing a senior advocacy  
6 organization, to be appointed by the governor; a representative of ~~an adult day care center the~~  
7 state program of all inclusive care of the elderly, to be appointed by the ~~speaker~~ lieutenant  
8 governor; a representative of senior housing to be appointed by the lieutenant governor; a  
9 representative of a ~~not for profit~~ home health care ~~agency and hospice provider organization,~~ to  
10 be appointed by the ~~speaker~~ senate president; ~~a representative of a for profit home health care~~  
11 ~~agency to be appointed by the speaker; and~~ a representative of a community mental health center,  
12 to be appointed by the president of the senate; a registered nurse experienced in the care of the  
13 elderly, to be appointed by the governor; a representative of nonmanagerial nursing home  
14 employees, to be appointed by the lieutenant governor; ~~three (3)~~ two (2) members of the house,  
15 not more than ~~two (2)~~ one from the same political party, to be appointed by the speaker; a nursing  
16 home owner, to be appointed by the speaker; two (2) members of the senate, not more than one  
17 from the same political party, to be appointed by the president of the senate; one consumer of  
18 home and community based care or behavioral health services or representative of a mental health  
19 advocacy organization, to be appointed by the ~~speaker from a list of three (3) submitted by the~~  
20 ~~chairperson of the independent living council~~ senate president; one consumer of ~~home and~~  
21 ~~community based care~~ behavioral health services or representative of a mental health advocacy  
22 organization, to be appointed by the ~~president of the senate from a list of three (3) submitted by~~  
23 ~~the chairperson of the Governor's Council on Mental Health~~ speaker; a member of the public  
24 representing the interests of parents of children with special care needs, to be appointed by the  
25 ~~president of the senate~~ governor; ~~a family member of a person with developmental disabilities to~~  
26 ~~be appointed by the speaker of the house;~~ a person with developmental disabilities or a  
27 representative of an organization that advocates for the rights of persons with developmental  
28 disabilities, to be appointed by the lieutenant governor; and a ~~general~~ general physician or advanced  
29 practice nurse with experience in serving persons with long-term care and behavioral health  
30 needs, to be appointed by the president of the senate ~~and a psychiatrist specializing in the~~  
31 ~~medical problems of the elderly, to be appointed by the lieutenant governor. Members of the~~  
32 ~~general public may be appointed in lieu of legislators, provided that at least one member shall be~~  
33 ~~appointed from the house and one from the senate, and the appointments shall be made by the~~  
34 ~~same authority as for the legislators supplanted.~~ The members of the council shall serve two (2)

1 year terms, expiring on the second anniversary of each individual's appointment or on the date  
2 that their respective successors are appointed and qualified, whichever is later.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would alter the membership of the long-term care coordinating council and
- 2 decrease membership from forty-one (41) members to thirty-one (31) members.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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