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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 Ackerman, McNamara, Corvese, Serpa, and Vella-Wilkinson

Date Introduced: February 09, 2018

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 23-17 of the General Laws entitled "Licensing of Health-Care  
2 Facilities" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **23-17-64. Influenza immunization.**

4           Between October 1 and March 1 of each year, each hospital shall offer, prior to  
5 discharge, immunizations against influenza virus to all inpatients sixty-five (65) years of age and  
6 older, unless contraindicated, and contingent upon the availability of the vaccine, in accordance  
7 with the latest recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the  
8 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would require hospitals to offer flu vaccinations to all inpatient individuals sixty-  
2 five (65) years of age or older unless the person has a condition that would not allow such  
3 vaccination or if the vaccine is in short supply.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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