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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

#### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

#### AN ACT

#### RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - HEALTH CARE FACILITIES STAFFING

<u>Introduced By:</u> Representatives Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Hull, Lima, and Abney <u>Date Introduced:</u> February 28, 2018 <u>Referred To:</u> House Health, Education & Welfare

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 23-17.20-8. Recognition of nurse licenses from military members and their spouses.
- 4 The department of health shall permit any member of the military or their spouse, with a
- 5 current nurse license from any other state within the United States, United States Territory or the
- 6 District of Columbia to practice nursing without a Rhode Island license.
- 7 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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#### EXPLANATION

#### BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

#### OF

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1 This act would allow any member of the military, as well as any spouse of a member of 2 the military, who holds a nursing license in any state other than Rhode Island to practice nursing

3 in Rhode Island without a Rhode Island license.

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This act would take effect upon passage.

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