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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Introduced By: Representatives Ranglin-Vassell, and Donovan

Date Introduced: March 07, 2018

Referred To: House Finance

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 **23-17-42.1. Required acceptance of Medicare and Medicaid health insurance.**

4 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any nursing facilities, home nursing care
5 providers (which shall include skilled nursing services and may also include activities allowed as
6 a home care provider or as a nursing service agency) and rehabilitation centers licensed pursuant
7 to §23-17-4, that are not part of a hospital but that are organized and operated to provide
8 rehabilitation or health care services to outpatients shall be required to accept patients covered by
9 either Medicaid or all parts of applicable Medicare health insurance.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require nursing facilities, home nursing care providers and rehabilitation
- 2 centers to accept patients covered either by Medicaid or Medicare health insurance.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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