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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 -  
INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION

Introduced By: Senators Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Miller, Metts, and Nesselbush

Date Introduced: February 01, 2018

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

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           From October to March of the following 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 immunization against influenza virus to all
- 2 inpatients sixty-five (65) years of age or older from October to March of the following year.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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