

2022 -- H 8063

LC005656

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

A N A C T

RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS

Introduced By: Representatives C Lima, Serpa, Costantino, Chippendale, Fenton-Fung,
Shallcross Smith, Cardillo, Phillips, Hawkins, and Newberry

Date Introduced: March 30, 2022

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-17.5 of the General Laws entitled "Rights of Nursing Home
2 Patients" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **23-17.5-33.1. Suspension of minimum staffing level compliance and enforcement**
4 **program in § 23-17.5-33.**

5 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 23-17.5-33 or any public or general law, or rule,
6 or regulation to the contrary, upon the effective date of this section, due to public health crises
7 caused by COVID-19, § 23-17.5-33 shall be suspended.

8 (b) Unless extended by the general assembly, § 23-17.5-33.1, shall sunset on June 30, 2022,
9 at which time the provisions of § 23-17.5-33 shall be restored.

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

LC005656

EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
A N A C T
RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS

- 1 This act would, due to the COVID-19 health crises, suspend the provisions of § 23-17.5-
2 33, relating to nursing home staffing and unless extended by the general assembly, the suspension
3 would sunset on June 30, 2022 at which time the provisions of § 23-17.5-33 would be restored.
4 This act would take effect upon passage.

=====
LC005656
=====