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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022**

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

Introduced By: Representatives Amore, and Shekarchi

Date Introduced: May 25, 2022

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

(by request)

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 monetary penalties.**

4           (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 23-17.5-33(b), (c) and (d) relating to monetary  
5 penalties or any public or general law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, upon the effective date of  
6 this section, due to public health crises caused by COVID-19, the provisions of § 23-17.5-33(b),  
7 (c) and (d) shall be suspended. The provisions of this section shall apply to any facility in violation  
8 of § 23-17.5-33 as of April 1, 2022.

9           (b) Unless extended by the general assembly, the provisions of this section, shall expire  
10 and sunset on June 30, 2022, at which time the monetary penalty provisions of § 23-17.5-33(b), (c)  
11 and (d) shall apply.

12           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, due to the COVID-19 health crisis, suspend the provisions of § 23-17.5-  
2 33, relating to monetary penalties for facilities in noncompliance with minimum staffing, with  
3 sunset provisions.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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