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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTHCARE WORKER PLATFORM ACT

Introduced By: Senators Bissaillon, McKenney, and Mack

Date Introduced: March 27, 2025

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 23 of the General Laws entitled "HEALTH AND SAFETY" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 104

4 HEALTHCARE WORKER PLATFORM ACT

5 **23-104-1. Title.**

6 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Healthcare Worker Platform Act."

7 **23-104-2. Definitions.**

8 For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and terms have the following
9 meanings:

10 (a) "Healthcare worker platform" means any person, corporation, partnership, or
11 association that operates or offers a platform. A "healthcare worker platform" is not considered a
12 "nursing service agency" as defined in § 23-17.7.1-2.

13 (b) "Platform" means an electronic platform, system, or application through which
14 healthcare workers can accept one or more shifts to perform healthcare related services at a
15 healthcare facility.

16 **23-104-3. Registration of healthcare worker platforms.**

17 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, a healthcare worker platform shall
18 be excluded from the definition of a "nursing service agency" as defined by §§ 23-17.7.1-3, 23-
19 17.7.1-10, and 23-17.7.1-19.

1 **(b) On or before June 1, 2026, the department of health shall promulgate rules and**
2 **regulations that shall require the registration of each healthcare worker platform that operates or**
3 **offers a platform within the state. The requirements for registration of each healthcare worker**
4 **platform shall not exceed the requirements of §§ 23-17.7.1-3, 23-17.7.1-10, and 23-17.7.1-19.**

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would establish the healthcare worker platform and would require platforms
2 offering healthcare shifts to register with the department of health by June 1, 2026, while,
3 specifically, exempting them from being classified as nursing service agencies.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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