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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

Introduced By: Senators de la Cruz, Rogers, E Morgan, and Paolino

Date Introduced: January 23, 2026

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-17 of the General Laws entitled "Licensing of Healthcare
2 Facilities" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
- 3 **23-17-12.12. Licensed healthcare facilities for abortions.**
- 4 (a) The licensed healthcare facilities that are used to perform abortions shall meet the same
5 licensing requirements as other similar healthcare facilities.
- 6 (b) All licensed healthcare facilities that are used to perform abortions shall be inspected
7 yearly to ensure that they are compliant with all applicable laws and regulations.
- 8 (c) The department of health may conduct unannounced inspections of those licensed
9 healthcare facilities that perform abortions.
- 10 (d) Any inspection that reveals a licensing requirement deficiency shall result in the
11 facilities having its license revoked.
- 12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require healthcare facilities that perform abortions meet the license
2 requirements of similar healthcare facilities, would allow the department of health to conduct
3 unannounced inspections, and would provide a revocation of the facilities license upon any finding
4 of a deficiency.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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