RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created consisting of fifteen (15) members: three (3) of whom shall be members of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, not more than two (2) from the same political party, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; one of whom shall be the President of the Rhode Island Health Care Association (RIHCA), or designee; one of whom shall be the SEIU State Council Director (RI), or designee; one of whom shall be the Director of the Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services (RIEOHHS), or designee; one of whom shall be the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH), or designee; one of whom shall be the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training (RIDLT), or designee; one of whom shall be the Executive Director for the Rhode Island Partnership for Home Care, or designee; one of whom shall be
shall be the President of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island, or designee; one of whom shall be the President of Lifespan, or designee; one of whom shall be a member of the public, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; one of whom shall be an administrator of a not-for-profit Rhode Island nursing home, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; one of whom shall be an administrator of a for-profit Rhode Island nursing home, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; and one of whom shall be a registered nurse, licensed and employed in a Rhode Island nursing home, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House.

In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu of a legislator, provided that the majority leader or the minority leader of the political party which is entitled to the appointment consents to the member of the general public.

The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study and provide recommendations regarding the status and requirements for Rhode Island nursing homes to include, but not be limited to:

1. Methods and means for providing paramount quality of care;
2. Reimbursement methodology;
3. Staffing levels;
4. Workforce development and, specifically, employee recruitment and retention efforts and results;
5. Patient acuity levels for different types of care given; and
6. Financial condition of Rhode Island nursing homes.

Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at the call of the Speaker of the House and organize and shall select a chairperson from among the legislators.

Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

All departments and agencies of the state, shall furnish such advice and information, documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

The Speaker of the House is hereby authorized and directed to provide suitable quarters for said commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives no later than April 15, 2021, and said commission shall expire on July
EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
HOUSE RESOLUTION
CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE STATUS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR RHODE ISLAND'S NURSING HOMES

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This resolution would create a fifteen (15) member special legislative study commission whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study and provide recommendations on the status and requirements for Rhode Island's nursing homes, and who would report back to the House of Representatives no later than April 15, 2021, and whose life would expire on July 15, 2021.