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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- YEARLY INSPECTIONS OF HEALTHCARE
FACILITIES

Introduced By: Senators de la Cruz, Morgan, Raptakis, and Metts

Date Introduced: March 04, 2020

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
5 same 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 warrantless and unannounced inspections of
9 those licensed healthcare facilities that perform abortions.

10 (d) Any inspection that reveal 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 to meet the license
2 requirements of similar healthcare facilities. It also allows the department of health to conduct
3 unannounced and warrantless inspections. Finally, it requires the licensed healthcare facilities,
4 when their inspection uncovers deficiencies, to have their license revoked.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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