

1 NURSING HOME WORKFORCE STANDARDS BOARD ACT

2 **23-17.29-1. Rhode Island nursing home workforce standards advisory board created-**

3 **Compensation and oversight.**

4 (a) There is hereby established the Rhode Island nursing home workforce standards
5 advisory board, hereinafter referred to as the "board," which shall serve in an advisory capacity to
6 the Rhode Island general assembly and be overseen by the department of labor and training. The
7 board shall consist of thirteen (13) members:

8 (1) The director of the department of labor and training or their designee, serving as the
9 chairperson.

10 (2) Three (3) members representing nursing home employers: one appointed by the
11 governor, one by the speaker of the house and one by the president of the senate.

12 (3) Three (3) members representing nursing home workers: one appointed by the governor,
13 one by the speaker of the house, and one by the president of the senate.

14 (4) Two (2) members representing community organizations that work with the Medicaid
15 population: one appointed by the speaker of the house and one by the president of the senate.

16 (5) One member representing a joint labor-management multi-employer nonprofit training
17 fund, appointed by the governor.

18 (6) The secretary of the Rhode Island executive office of health and human services or their
19 designee.

20 (7) The director of the Rhode Island department of health or their designee.

21 (8) The long-term care state ombudsman or their designee.

22 (b) All appointed members shall serve for terms of three (3) years and may be reappointed.
23 Vacancies shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment but only for the unexpired
24 portion of the term. Members shall not be compensated for their services.

25 **23-17.29-2. Powers and duties of the board.**

26 The board shall have the power and duty to:

27 (1) Advise the general assembly and the department of labor and training on market
28 conditions, wages, benefits, and working conditions in the nursing home industry.

29 (2) Recommend minimum statewide compensation and working standards for nursing
30 home workers.

31 (3) Propose minimum standards for nursing home worker training programs.

32 (4) Assist in ensuring compliance by employers with the recommended standards.

33 **23-17.29-3. Access to information.**

34 To the extent allowable pursuant to state and federal law, the department of health, the

1 executive office of health and human services, and/or the department of labor and training, shall
2 facilitate in the sharing of data requested by the board relating to the operation of nursing homes,
3 in order for the board to perform its duties.

4 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage and shall sunset on July 1, 2027.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NURSING HOME WORKFORCE STANDARDS
BOARD ACT

1 This act would establish the Rhode Island nursing home workforce standards advisory
2 board for the purpose of advising the general assembly and the department of labor and training on
3 market conditions, wages, benefits, working conditions in the nursing home industry, minimum
4 statewide compensation and working standards for nursing home workers.

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