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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Introduced By: Senators Perry, Lynch, Crowley, Pichardo, and Metts

Date Introduced: February 16, 2012

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-17-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-17 entitled "Licensing  
2 of Health Care Facilities" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-17-4. License required for health care facility operation.** – (a) No person acting  
4 severally or jointly with any other person shall establish, conduct, or maintain a health care  
5 facility in this state without a license under this chapter; provided, however, that any person, firm,  
6 corporation or other entity which provides volunteer registered and licensed practical nurses to  
7 the public shall not be required to have a license as a health care facility.

8 (b) Each location at which a health care facility provides services shall be licensed;  
9 provided, however, that a hospital shall be permitted to provide solely on an ambulatory basis,  
10 limited physician services, other limited professional health care services, and/or other limited  
11 professional mental health care services in conjunction with services provided by and at  
12 community health centers, community mental health centers, organized ambulatory care facilities  
13 or other licensed health care facilities, physicians' offices, and facilities operated by the  
14 department of corrections without establishing such locations as additional licensed premises of  
15 the hospital. The department is further authorized to adopt rules and regulations to accomplish the  
16 purpose of this section, including, but not limited to, defining "limited physician services, other  
17 limited professional health care services, and/or other limited professional mental health care  
18 services."

19 (c) The reimbursement rates for the services rendered in the settings set forth in

1 [subsection \(b\) shall be subject to negotiations between the hospitals and the payors as defined in](#)  
2 [section 23-17.12-2.](#)

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

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1           This act would require that health care facilities be licensed; provided, however, on an  
2 ambulatory basis, limited services may be provided at locations as named without requiring that  
3 such locations be established as additional licensed premises of the hospital and reimbursement  
4 will be negotiated between the hospital and payors.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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