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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNIFORM MULTI-STATE NURSING LICENSE
REQUIREMENTS**

Introduced By: Representatives Kennedy, Abney, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, and Diaz

Date Introduced: February 02, 2022

Referred To: House Corporations

1 WHEREAS, The health and safety of the public are affected by the degree of compliance
2 with and the effectiveness of enforcement activities related to state nurse licensure laws; and

3 WHEREAS, Uniformity of nurse licensure requirements throughout the states promotes
4 public safety and public health benefits; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
6 consisting of thirteen (13) members: three (3) of whom shall be members of the House of
7 Representatives, not more than two (2) from the same political party, to be appointed by the
8 Speaker of the House; one of whom shall be a registered nurse employed in a Rhode Island
9 healthcare facility that provides care to patients, to be appointed by the Speaker; one of whom
10 shall be the Director of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education, RIDOH, or designee; one of
11 whom shall be the Dean of the Rhode Island College School of Nursing, or designee; one of
12 whom shall be the Chief Nursing Officer for Care New England, or designee; one of whom shall
13 be the Chief Nursing Officer at Rhode Island Hospital, or designee; one of whom shall be the
14 Executive Vice President of SEIU, or designee; one of whom shall be the President of the United
15 Nurses and Allied Professionals (UNAP/RI), or designee; one of whom shall be the Executive
16 Director of the Rhode Island State Nurses Association, or designee; one of whom shall be the
17 President of the Organization of Nurse Leaders (ONL), or designee; and one of whom shall be the
18 President and CEO of the Rhode Island Health Care Association, or designee.

19 In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a legislative study

1 commission, created by a General Assembly resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a
2 member of the general public to serve in lieu of a legislator; provided that, the majority leader or
3 the minority leader of the political party which is entitled to the appointment consents to the
4 member of the general public.

5 The purpose of said commission shall include review of statewide data including but not
6 limited to nursing job vacancies, enrollment in state nursing school programs, nurse retirements,
7 and length of time when hiring registered nurses, and in addition, be to make a comprehensive
8 study and provide recommendations for uniform multi-state nursing license requirements that
9 would allow nurses to hold a multi-state license that enables them to practice across state lines
10 without having to obtain multiple licenses, including, but not limited to, oversight, dispute
11 resolution, and enforcement.

12 Upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet on or after
13 October 25, 2022, and organize and shall select, from among the legislators, a Chairperson.

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

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

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

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

21 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
22 House of Representatives no later than April 13, 2023, and said commission shall expire on June
23 29, 2023.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
HOUSE RESOLUTION
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1 This resolution would create a thirteen (13) member special legislative commission
2 whose purpose it would be to review statewide data and to make a comprehensive study and
3 provide recommendations for uniform multi-state nursing license requirements, and who would
4 report back to the House of Representatives on or before April 13, 2023, and said commission
5 would expire on June 29, 2023.

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