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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF NURSING SERVICE
AGENCIES

Introduced By: Representatives Casimiro, Voas, Serpa, Newberry, Roberts, Kazarian,
Morales, Caldwell, Solomon, and Casey

Date Introduced: February 09, 2024

Referred To: House Health & Human Services

(Dept. of Health)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-17.7.1-15 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-17.7.1 entitled
2 "Licensing of Nursing Service Agencies" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-17.7.1-15. Nursing service agencies exempt.**

4 The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to:

5 (1) Nursing service agencies and nursing exempt from regulation by the state; [or](#)

6 (2) Visiting nursing services or home health services conducted by and for those who rely
7 exclusively upon spiritual means through prayer alone in accordance with the creed or tenets of a
8 recognized church or religious denomination; ~~or~~

9 ~~(3) Nursing service agencies who limit the provision of temporary staff, including~~
10 ~~registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, or nursing assistants, to one or more hospitals provided~~
11 ~~that such nursing service agency maintain certification from the joint commission on the~~
12 ~~accreditation of health care organizations or such other accreditation entity acceptable to the~~
13 ~~director.~~

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would remove the exemption from licensure for certain nursing service agencies
- 2 accredited by the joint commission.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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