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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND
HOSPITALS -- HEALTHCARE SERVICE PROVIDER ABUSER REGISTRY -- HOLLY'S
LAW

Introduced By: Representatives Noret, J. Brien, Casimiro, Azzinaro, Kazarian, Shanley,
and Shallcross Smith

Date Introduced: February 15, 2024

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 40.1 of the General Laws entitled "BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE,
2 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS" is hereby amended by adding thereto
3 the following chapter:

4 CHAPTER 30

5 HEALTHCARE SERVICE PROVIDER ABUSER REGISTRY

6 **40.1-30-1. Short title.**

7 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as "Holly's Law."

8 **40.1-30-2. Behavioral healthcare service provider abuser registry.**

9 (a) The director shall establish and maintain a registry of employees found in violation of
10 or disciplined for any felony offense, any misdemeanor crime of dishonesty or offense involving
11 the use of any illegal substance.

12 (1) The registry shall include, but not be limited to:

13 (i) Name;

14 (ii) Last place of employment;

15 (iii) License number if applicable; and

16 (iv) Date of offense.

17 (b) The registry shall be a publicly accessible online database managed by the department.

18 (c) The registry shall be maintained and updated regularly by the department to properly

1 reflect the current status of any employee subject to a disciplinary review for an alleged infraction
2 of § 40.1-22-27 or found to be in violation of any felony offense, any misdemeanor crime of
3 dishonesty or offense involving the use of any illegal substance.

4 (d) If a disciplinary review of the employee yields no disciplinary action, or a conviction
5 under subsection (a) of this section which has been expunged, the employee's record shall be
6 removed from the registry.

7 (e) The director, or designee, upon request of any other licensed healthcare facility, may
8 provide any or all information available regarding circumstances under which the employee was
9 disciplined or released.

10 (f) The director shall promulgate guidelines and procedures to implement the provisions of
11 this section.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND
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1 This act would require the director of the department of behavioral healthcare,
2 developmental disabilities and hospitals (BHDDH) to establish and maintain a registry of
3 employees found to be in violation of and disciplined for any felony offense, any misdemeanor
4 crime of dishonesty or offense involving the use of any illegal substance. The registry would be
5 publicly accessible online and updated regularly and the director would promulgate guidelines and
6 procedures to implement its provisions.

7 This act would take effect upon passage.

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