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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATIONS DATES AND AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP, FINDINGS, AND PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO SERVICES AND COORDINATION OF STATE PROGRAMS RELATING TO OLDER ADULT RHODE ISLANDERS

Introduced By: Representatives Carson, and Noret

Date Introduced: April 05, 2024

Referred To: House Health & Human Services

1 RESOLVED, That the special House commission created by resolution No. 320 passed
2 by the House of Representatives at its January session, A.D. 2023, and approved May 11, 2023,
3 entitled "HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO
4 STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO SERVICES AND
5 COORDINATION OF STATE PROGRAMS RELATING TO OLDER ADULT RHODE
6 ISLANDERS" is hereby authorized to continue its study and make a report to the House of
7 Representatives on or before November 30, 2025, and said commission shall expire on January
8 31, 2026; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the time for reporting authorized by resolution No. 320 passed by the
10 House of Representatives at its January session, A.D. 2023, and approved May 11, 2023, entitled
11 "HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO
12 STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO SERVICES AND
13 COORDINATION OF STATE PROGRAMS RELATING TO OLDER ADULT RHODE
14 ISLANDERS", be and the same is hereby rescinded; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the composition of said legislative commission is hereby amended by
16 increasing the membership to eighteen (18) members by adding two (2) members: one of whom
17 shall be a State health care provider, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; and one of
18 whom shall be a member of the public, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, The purpose of said legislative commission shall be amended by expanding
3 the scope to include recommendations:

4 9. On the creation of a State Master Plan on aging and a vision for aging in Rhode Island;

5 10. To restructure the Office on Aging back to a Department at the cabinet level with a
6 mission to ensure implementation of the recommendations on aging and by previous and
7 existing boards and commissions with relevance to aging and the development and
8 implementation of policies and programs in response to emerging trends in aging;

9 11. Relating to housing, access to technology, and long-term care;

10 12. Relating to a long-term funding formula for municipal senior centers;

11 13. Evaluating and updating the aging community statutes;

12 14. Evaluating and updating the purposes of the RI Long Term Care Coordinating
13 Council pursuant to chapter 17.3 of title 23;

14 15. Engaging state agencies that deliver programs for aging Rhode Islanders; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That the purpose of said legislative commission shall be amended as
17 follows: "5. Propose recommendations to provide and coordinate aging programs and services in
18 the areas of employment, education, independent living, accessibility and advocacy, as well as
19 local older adult centers and services;"; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the findings for the legislative commission shall be amended by
21 adding the following language between lines 3 and 4 of resolution No. 320 approved May 11,
22 2023:

23 "WHEREAS, All levels of Rhode Island government must meet their commitments to
24 support older Rhode Islanders and their families; and

25 WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island must consider opportunities for the coordination
26 and implementation of a strategic action plan on aging; and".

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EXPLANATION
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1 This resolution would amend and increase the membership of said commission from
2 sixteen (16) to eighteen (18), amend the purpose, and findings, and extend the reporting and
3 expiration dates, of the special legislative commission relating to older adult Rhode Islanders
4 from May 7, 2024, to November 30, 2025, and said commission would expire on January 31,
5 2026.

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