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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS

Introduced By: Representatives Naughton, E Coderre, M Rice, and Kennedy

Date Introduced: February 09, 2010

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-17.5 of the General Laws entitled "Rights of Nursing Home
2 Patients" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **23-17.5-31. Reimbursement of monies prepaid to deceased patient's estate. – Every**
4 **nursing home shall be required to reimburse any monies on a prorated basis, that have been**
5 **prepaid on behalf of a deceased patient to the nursing home within thirty (30) days of the patient's**
6 **date of death. Said reimbursement shall be paid to the person(s), institution or other legal entity**
7 **who has paid the monies, or if there be none, to the deceased patient's estate, and shall include the**
8 **amount equivalent to the remainder of the month that the patient passed away.**

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require a nursing home to reimburse any money that has been prepaid by
2 a deceased patient to the nursing home to the estate of the deceased patient within thirty (30) days
3 of the date of death of the patient.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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