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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

Introduced By: Representatives JP O`Neill, Ajello, and Melo

Date Introduced: February 25, 2010

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 23-1-17 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-1 entitled "Department  
2 of Health" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **23-1-17. Additional general powers.** – (a) In addition to the other powers given to the  
4 director of health or the department of health by other provisions of the general laws, and in order  
5 to permit the director to properly perform the duties given to him or her by the general assembly,  
6 and to enforce the rules and regulations the director is authorized to promulgate and adopt, the  
7 director is further authorized to promulgate and adopt rules and regulations for the establishment  
8 of information collection, minimum sanitary requirements, and other duties given to the director  
9 by section 23-1-1 or by any other provision of law, and to enforce those rules and regulations.  
10 The director is further authorized to issue licenses or permits, and to revoke, suspend, or annul  
11 them, to aid in the enforcement of those rules and regulations.

12           (b) In the event of a public health emergency, the director is authorized to grant a  
13 temporary Rhode Island health care provider license for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days  
14 and limited to those health care providers who hold an active valid license in another state. The  
15 director is authorized to promulgate and adopt rules and regulations to establish a process for this  
16 temporary emergency license.

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

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would give authority to the director of health to certify out-of-state health care  
2 professionals in times of emergency.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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