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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RIGHTS OF ELDERLY PATIENTS

Introduced By: Representative Stephen R. Ucci

Date Introduced: February 28, 2018

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

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 **23-17.5-32. Prohibition from accepting patient gifts.**

4 (a) It shall be prohibited for any health care provider as defined in § 23-17.6-2 to accept
5 any gift with a value of more than ten dollars (\$10.00) from a nursing home patient.

6 (b) A health care provider who violates this section shall be liable for a civil penalty per
7 violation of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) which
8 shall be assessed and recovered in a civil action brought by the attorney general in any court of
9 competent jurisdiction.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 23-17.16 of the General Laws entitled "Home Care Patient Rights"
11 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

12 **23-17.16-6. Prohibition from accepting patient gifts.**

13 (a) It shall be prohibited for any health care provider as defined in § 23-17.6-2 to accept
14 any gift with a value of more than ten dollars (\$10.00) from a nursing home patient.

15 (b) A health care provider who violates this section shall be liable for a civil penalty per
16 violation of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) which
17 shall be assessed and recovered in a civil action brought by the attorney general in any court of
18 competent jurisdiction.

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1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would prohibit health care workers from accepting gifts with a value of over ten
2 dollars (\$10.00) from patients.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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