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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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

Introduced By: Representatives C Lima, Serpa, Costantino, Fogarty, Chippendale,  
Fenton-Fung, Hull, J Lombardi, Shallcross Smith, and Cardillo  
Date Introduced: March 30, 2022

Referred To: House Finance

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 **23-17.5-33.1. Suspension of minimum staffing level compliance and enforcement**  
4 **program in § 23-17.5-33.**

5 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 23-17.5-33 or any public or general law, or rule,  
6 or regulation to the contrary, upon the effective date of this section, due to public health crises  
7 caused by COVID-19, § 23-17.5-33 shall be suspended.

8 (b) Unless extended by the general assembly, § 23-17.5-33.1, shall sunset on June 30, 2022,  
9 at which time the provisions of § 23-17.5-33 shall be restored.

10 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, due to the COVID-19 health crises, suspend the provisions of § 23-17.5-  
2 33, relating to nursing home staffing and unless extended by the general assembly, the suspension  
3 would sunset on June 30, 2022 at which time the provisions of § 23-17.5-33 would be restored.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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