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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS

Introduced By: Senators Lanzi, Miller, Tassoni, Gallo, and Lynch

Date Introduced: February 10, 2011

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

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 **23-17.5-9.1. Physical and/or sexual assault. -- Patients shall not be subject to physical**
4 **and/or sexual assault. Any allegations of physical and/or sexual assault must be immediately**
5 **reported to the local law enforcement agency where the nursing home is located. Said report must**
6 **be made within twenty-four (24) hours of any allegation.**

7 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 require that all allegations of physical and/or sexual assault of a nursing
- 2 home patient be reported to the local law enforcement agency within twenty-four (24) hours.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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