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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LONG-TERM CARE COORDINATING  
COUNCIL

Introduced By: Senator Samuel D. Zurier

Date Introduced: March 30, 2023

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Sections 23-17.3-2 and 23-17.3-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-17.3  
2 entitled "Long-Term Care Coordinating Council" are hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **23-17.3-2. Membership.**

4           The council shall be comprised of thirty-three (33) members, as follows: the lieutenant  
5 governor or designee; the director of the department of health or designee; the secretary of the  
6 executive office of health and human services or designee; the director of the department of  
7 behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals or designee; the attorney general or  
8 designee; the director of the office of healthy aging or designee; the chair of the Rhode Island  
9 advisory commission on aging or designee; the director of the Rhode Island Chapter of the  
10 American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) or designee; the state long-term care  
11 ombudsman or designee; the president of the Rhode Island Senior Center Directors Association or  
12 designee; the executive director of the Rhode Island chapter of the Alzheimer's Association or  
13 designee; a representative of a not-for-profit long-term-care provider organization other than a  
14 nursing home owner and a representative of a long-term-care service provider that primarily serves  
15 persons with developmental disabilities, both to be appointed by the governor; a representative of  
16 an assisted living residence other than a nursing home, to be appointed by the lieutenant governor;  
17 a public member with no direct interest in long-term-care ownership representing a senior advocacy  
18 organization, to be appointed by the speaker; a representative of the state program of all inclusive

1 care for the elderly, to be appointed by the lieutenant governor; a representative of senior housing,  
2 to be appointed by the lieutenant governor; a representative of a hospice provider organization, to  
3 be appointed by the senate president; a licensed home-care provider or a licensed home nursing  
4 care provider, to be appointed by the speaker; a representative of a community mental health center,  
5 to be appointed by the president of the senate; a registered nurse experienced in the care of the  
6 elderly, to be appointed by the governor; a representative of nonmanagerial nursing home  
7 employees, to be appointed by the president of the senate; two (2) members of the house, not more  
8 than one (1) from the same political party, to be appointed by the speaker; a nursing home owner,  
9 to be appointed by the speaker; two (2) members of the senate, not more than one from the same  
10 political party, to be appointed by the president of the senate; one consumer of home- and  
11 community-based care or a caregiver of a consumer of home- and community-based care, to be  
12 appointed by the lieutenant governor; one consumer of behavioral health services or a caregiver of  
13 a consumer of behavioral health services, to be appointed by the speaker; a member of the public  
14 representing the interests of parents of children with special care needs, to be appointed by the  
15 governor; a person with developmental disabilities or a representative of an organization that  
16 advocates for the rights of persons with developmental disabilities, to be appointed by the lieutenant  
17 governor; a general physician or advanced practice nurse with experience in serving persons with  
18 long-term care and behavioral health needs, to be appointed by the president of the senate; and a  
19 representative of a managed care health insurer providing long-term support and services, to be  
20 appointed by the governor. The members of the council shall serve two-year (2) terms, expiring on  
21 the second anniversary of each individual's appointment or on the date that their respective  
22 successors are appointed and qualified, whichever is later. [A quorum shall consist of twelve \(12\)](#)  
23 [members of the council.](#)

24 **23-17.3-3. Organization — Officers.**

25 [The lieutenant governor shall serve as chair of the council.](#) The members of the council  
26 shall elect from among themselves ~~a chairperson~~, a vice chairperson, and a secretary. The [elected](#)  
27 officers shall serve one-year terms and shall be eligible to succeed themselves.

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

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1           This act would provide that the lieutenant governor serve as the chairperson of the long-  
2 term care coordinating council and provides that a quorum of the council consist of twelve (12)  
3 members of the council.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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