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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Introduced By: Senators McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Goodwin, and Miller

Date Introduced: January 25, 2018

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-17-28 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-17 entitled "Licensing
2 of Health-Care Facilities" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-17-28. Health care cost containment.**

4 (a) Each health care facility licensed under this chapter shall take any action consistent
5 with the continued delivery of quality health care services that it deems appropriate to reduce,
6 limit, or contain health care costs and improve the efficiency with which health care services are
7 delivered to the citizens of this state. In furtherance of these goals, health care facilities licensed
8 under this chapter may, to the extent not inconsistent with chapter 15 of this title, enter into
9 agreements with other health care facilities, associations of health care facilities, suppliers, third-
10 party payers, and/or agencies or branches of government providing, without limitation, for group
11 planning, individual or group expenditure ceilings, allocation of services and/or specialties, and
12 group purchasing and/or service sharing.

13 (b) Except as specifically provided in this section, no health care facility licensed as a
14 hospital under this chapter, or any affiliate thereof, may compensate an employee who the facility
15 is required to list in United States Internal Revenue Service form 990, Part VII-A (or any
16 successor provision) at a rate of compensation greater than one hundred and ten percent (110%)
17 of the amount determined annually by the director to constitute the northeast regional average
18 compensation level for comparable personnel serving in comparable hospitals (and their
19 affiliates), with facilities' comparability being determined based on the compared facilities' annual

1 collected revenue. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this section shall not apply to any person listed
2 in United States Internal Revenue Service form 990, Part VII-A who is a Rhode Island licensed
3 health care professional, including, without limitation, physicians and nurses.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on October 1, 2018.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would cap certain hospital employees' compensation at a rate not exceeding one
2 hundred ten percent (110%) of the northeast regional average for comparable personnel at
3 comparable hospitals. This act would not apply to physicians, nurses, or other licensed health care
4 personnel.

5 This act would take effect on October 1, 2018.

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