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

Introduced By: Representatives Messier, Ackerman, Casimiro, J. Brien, and Fellela

Date Introduced: March 01, 2023

Referred To: House Health & Human Services

(Lieutenant Governor)

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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EXPLANATION
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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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