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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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

Introduced By: Representatives Messier, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Kazarian, and Casimiro

Date Introduced: February 09, 2024

Referred To: House Health & Human Services

(Lieutenant Governor)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-17.3-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-17.3 entitled "Long-
2 Term Care Coordinating Council" is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

4 (a) 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.

23 [\(b\) A quorum shall consist of twelve \(12\) members of the council.](#)

24 **23-17.3-4. Public meetings.**

25 [\(a\)](#) The council shall meet at least four (4) times annually. All meetings of the council shall
26 be open to the public, and the public shall be duly notified of the date, time, and location of each
27 meeting.

28 [\(b\) Council members are authorized to participate remotely in open public meeting of the](#)
29 [council; provided, however, that:](#)

30 [\(1\) The remote members and all persons present at the meeting location are clearly audible](#)
31 [and visible to each other;](#)

32 [\(2\) If videoconferencing is used to conduct a meeting, the public notice for the meeting](#)
33 [shall inform the public that videoconferencing will be used and include instructions on how the](#)
34 [public can access the virtual meeting.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide for remote participation in open public meetings of the long-term
2 care coordinating council and would provide that a quorum of the council consists of twelve (12)
3 members.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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