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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
AND DISCIPLINE

Introduced By: Representative Deborah A. Fellela

Date Introduced: March 07, 2022

Referred To: House Judiciary

(Dept. of Health)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5-37-8 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-37 entitled "Board of
2 Medical Licensure and Discipline" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-37-8. Grounds for discipline without hearing.**

4 The director may temporarily suspend the license of a physician or limited registrant
5 without a hearing if the director finds that evidence in his or her possession indicates that a
6 physician's or limited registrant's continuation in practice would constitute an immediate danger to
7 the public. In the event that the director temporarily suspends the license of a physician or limited
8 registrant without a hearing, a hearing by the board must be held within ten (10) days after the day
9 the suspension has occurred, excluding intervening days when the department is closed.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide that any day(s) when the department of health is closed be excluded
2 from the maximum number of days within which a hearing must be held by the board when a
3 physician or limited registrant's license is suspended without hearing.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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