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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. [In the event the tenth day occurs on a Saturday, Sunday or legal state](#)
10 [holiday, the hearing by the board shall be held on the first business day following the Saturday,](#)
11 [Sunday or legal state holiday.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide that in the event the last day for hearing by the board of medical
2 licensure and discipline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the hearing would be held on
3 the first business day thereafter for the suspension of a physician or limited registrant's license.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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