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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

Introduced By: Senators Kallman, Gu, DiMario, Ciccone, Vargas, and Lauria

Date Introduced: February 13, 2025

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-17 of the General Laws entitled "Licensing of Healthcare
2 Facilities" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **23-17-9.1. Mandatory conversion to renewable energy.**

4 (a) All healthcare facilities, as defined in § 23-17-2, shall, not later than January 1, 2026,
5 as a condition of maintaining their license issued pursuant to chapter 17 of title 23, begin to convert
6 from a reliance on fossil fuels for energy, to renewable fuels, energy sources and so called "green"
7 sources of energy that result in a reduction in energy consumption and cost.

8 (b) The department of business regulation, in consultation with the office of energy
9 resources and the department of health, shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement
10 subsection (a) of this section.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require all state licensed healthcare facilities to begin to convert the
2 powering of their operations, from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources. DBR, in consultation
3 with the office of energy resources and DOH, would promulgate rules and regulations to implement
4 the requirements.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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