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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

Introduced By: Senators de la Cruz, E Morgan, Paolino, and Raptakis

Date Introduced: February 16, 2023

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

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 **23-17-12.12. Licensed healthcare facilities for abortions.**

4 (a) The licensed healthcare facilities that are used to perform abortions shall meet the same  
5 licensing requirements as other similar healthcare facilities.

6 (b) All licensed healthcare facilities that are used to perform abortions shall be inspected  
7 yearly to ensure that they are compliant with all applicable laws and regulations.

8 (c) The department of health may conduct unannounced inspections of those licensed  
9 healthcare facilities that perform abortions.

10 (d) Any inspection that reveals a licensing requirement deficiency shall result in the  
11 facilities having its license revoked.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require healthcare facilities that perform abortions meet the license  
2 requirements of similar healthcare facilities. It would also allow the department of health to conduct  
3 unannounced inspections. Finally, it would require the licensed healthcare facilities, when their  
4 inspection uncovers deficiencies, to have their license revoked.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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