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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Introduced By: Senators Perry, Goodwin, C Levesque, Pichardo, and Metts

Date Introduced: February 11, 2010

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 Health Care  
2 Facilities" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **23-17-44.1. Moratorium on New Initial Licenses for Hospice Providers – Home**  
4 **Nursing Providers and Home Care Providers.** – [\(a\) The licensing agency shall not issue any](#)  
5 [new initial licenses for hospice providers, home nursing providers, or home care providers until](#)  
6 [July 1, 2012.](#)

7           [\(b\) The moratorium contained herein shall not foreclose the issuance of a license for](#)  
8 [hospice providers, home nursing care providers or home care providers as a result of a change in](#)  
9 [effective control of the ownership of any currently licensed hospice provider, home nursing care](#)  
10 [provider, or home care provider.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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- 1           This act would implement a moratorium on new initial licenses for hospice providers,
- 2 home nursing care providers, and home care providers until July 1, 2012.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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