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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: Senator Joshua Miller

Date Introduced: March 24, 2022

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

(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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