



**State of Rhode Island**  
**Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos**

April 28, 2026  
The Hon. Melissa Murray  
Chair, Senate Committee on Health and Human Services  
82 Smith Street, Senate Lounge  
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Letter of Support for S2566: An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- Assisted Living Residence Licensing Act

Dear Chair Murray:

I write to you in support of S2566: An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- Assisted Living Residence Licensing Act. This bill limits the facility's ability to charge rent and fees for a maximum of seven (7) days or until removal of the personal property from the room, whichever occurs first. A violation would constitute a deceptive trade practice.

From planning commemorative services to tending to loved ones to closing out bank accounts, the time after a loved one's passing can present not only emotional challenges, but logistical ones, too. Enforcing any 30-day notices on a family after the passing of a loved one adds not only to the caretaker's burden but adds to the emotional distress as well. This bill gives family members some grace in the days after the passing of their loved ones to collect the belongings and would only charge them rent on the days those belongings are still in the room. Reasonably, this bill also empowers assisted living facilities to place personal property into storage if the family has not yet come by to collect the items.

For these reasons, I urge you to vote this bill favorably out of committee.

Sincerely,

Sabina Matos  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Rhode Island  
CC: Senator Jacob Bissaillon