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LCO No. 3747



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT ALLOWING TRAINED NURSE'S AIDES AND ASSISTED LIVING AIDES TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION TO NURSING HOME AND ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Administration" means the direct application of a medication by
- 3 means other than injection to the body of a person;
- 4 (2) "Assisted living aide" has the same meaning as provided in section
- 5 19-13-D105 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies;
- 6 (3) "Assisted living services agency" has the same meaning as
- 7 provided in section 19a-490 of the general statutes;
- 8 (4) "Medication" means any medicinal preparation and includes any
- 9 controlled substances specifically designated in the regulations adopted
- 10 pursuant to subsection (d) of this section;
- 11 (5) "Nurse's aide" means a nurse's aide registered pursuant to chapter
- 12 378a of the general statutes;

13 (6) "Nursing home" has the same meaning as provided in section 19a-
14 490 of the general statutes;

15 (7) "Registered nurse" means a registered nurse licensed pursuant to
16 chapter 378 of the general statutes;

17 (8) "Trained assisted living aide" means an assisted living aide who
18 has successfully completed training for the administration of
19 medication pursuant to regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (d)
20 of this section; and

21 (9) "Trained nurse's aide" means a nurse's aide who has successfully
22 completed training for the administration of medication pursuant to
23 regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

24 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 378 of the general
25 statutes: (1) A registered nurse employed by a nursing home may
26 delegate the administration of medication to persons residing in such
27 nursing home when such medication is administered by a trained
28 nurse's aide employed by such nursing home; and (2) a registered nurse
29 employed by an assisted living services agency may delegate the
30 administration of medication to persons receiving services from such
31 assisted living services agency when such medication is administered
32 by a trained assisted living aide employed by such assisted living
33 services agency.

34 (c) Any nursing home or assisted living services agency that allows a
35 registered nurse to delegate the administration of medication pursuant
36 to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall indemnify, defend
37 and hold harmless any registered nurse that such nursing home or
38 assisted living services agency allowed to delegate the administration of
39 medication from financial loss and expense, including legal fees and
40 costs, if any, arising out of any claim, demand, suit or judgment by
41 reason of alleged negligence or other act resulting in personal injury,
42 which acts are not wanton, reckless or malicious, and that occurred
43 within the scope of such administration of medication.

44 (d) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
45 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to carry out the
46 provisions of this section.

47 Sec. 2. Section 20-14i of the general statutes is repealed and the
48 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

49 Any provisions to the contrary notwithstanding, chapter 378 shall not
50 prohibit the administration of medication to persons (1) attending day
51 programs, residing in residential facilities or receiving individual and
52 family support, under the jurisdiction of the Departments of Children
53 and Families, Correction, Developmental Services and Mental Health
54 and Addiction Services, (2) being detained in juvenile residential centers
55 or residing in residential facilities dually licensed by the Department of
56 Children and Families and the Department of Public Health, or (3)
57 residing in substance abuse treatment facilities licensed by the
58 Department of Children and Families pursuant to section 17a-145 when
59 such medication is administered by trained persons, pursuant to the
60 written order of a physician licensed under this chapter, a dentist
61 licensed under chapter 379, an advanced practice registered nurse
62 licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-94a or a physician
63 assistant licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-12d,
64 authorized to prescribe such medication. The provisions of this section
65 shall not apply to institutions, facilities or programs licensed pursuant
66 to chapter 368v, except as provided in section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	20-14i

Statement of Purpose:

To allow trained nurse's aides and assisted living aides to administer medication to nursing home and assisted living residents.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]