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SENATE BILL 14

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; PROVIDING FOR MINIMUM TRAINING AND
CREDENTIALING STANDARDS FOR PROFESSIONAL DIRECT HOME CARE
SERVICES PROVIDERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] PROFESSIONAL DIRECT HOME CARE
SERVICES--CERTIFICATION--COURSE OF STUDY--DISCIPLINE.--

A. An individual who provides professional direct
home care services shall possess a current certification in
direct home care issued by the department.

B. The department shall create a program through
which an individual who has passed an examination after
fulfilling a department-approved course of study may receive
triennial credentialing and recredentialing.

C. The department shall establish by rule the

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1 standards for approval of a course of study in professional
2 direct home care services. Those standards shall include:

3 (1) training in key competencies that the
4 department shall establish by rule; and

5 (2) accreditation by a national professional
6 direct home care services accrediting body.

7 D. A person who violates a provision of this
8 section shall be subject to discipline pursuant to the Uniform
9 Licensing Act.

10 E. For the purposes of this section:

11 (1) "department" means the regulation and
12 licensing department; and

13 (2) "professional direct home care services"
14 means services provided by an individual who performs those
15 services in a residential setting for pay, including:

16 (a) personal care, including dressing,
17 bathing, eating, ambulating, toileting and hygiene;

18 (b) administration of medication; and

19 (c) meal preparation.