



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6947

LCO No. 4442

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING DIALYSIS PATIENT CARE TECHNICIANS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) Any dialysis patient care
2 technician employed in an outpatient dialysis unit may administer
3 medications that are necessary to initiate or terminate a patient's
4 dialysis such as saline, heparin or lidocaine, provided (1) the ratio of
5 staff providing direct patient care to dialysis patients is at least three to
6 nine, and (2) at least one of the three direct patient care staff persons is
7 a registered nurse licensed to practice in this state. For purposes of this
8 section, "dialysis patient care technician" means a person who has
9 obtained certification as a dialysis patient care technician by
10 successfully completing a nationally standardized certification
11 examination.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To permit dialysis patient care technicians to initiate and terminate dialysis while under the supervision of a registered nurse who is experienced in dialysis care.

[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.]