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Substitute House Bill No. 7222

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The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. SAYERS, P. of the 60th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING USE OF UNLICENSED ASSISTIVE PERSONNEL IN RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-495a of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 (a) On or before July 1, 2000, the Commissioner of Public Health
4 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter
5 54, to allow unlicensed personnel in residential care homes, as defined
6 in section 19a-490, to obtain certification for the administration of
7 medication. The regulations shall establish training requirements,
8 including on-going training requirements, that include but are not
9 limited to: Initial orientation, resident rights, behavioral management,
10 personal care, nutrition and food safety, and health and safety in
11 general.

12 (b) On and after October 1, 2007, unlicensed assistive personnel
13 employed in residential care homes, as defined in section 19a-490, may

14 (1) obtain and document residents' blood pressures and temperatures
 15 with digital medical instruments that (A) contain internal decision-
 16 making electronics, microcomputers or special software that allow the
 17 instruments to interpret physiologic signals, and (B) do not require the
 18 user to employ any discretion or judgment in their use; (2) obtain and
 19 document residents' weight; and (3) assist residents in the use of
 20 glucose monitors to obtain and document their blood glucose levels.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2007	19a-495a

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

No fiscal impact will ensue in response to enactment of this bill.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 7222*****AN ACT CONCERNING USE OF UNLICENSED ASSISTIVE PERSONNEL IN RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows unlicensed "assistive personnel" employed in residential care homes to perform limited health-related activities for residents. Under the bill, they can obtain and record a resident's blood pressure and temperature with digital medical instruments if such instruments (1) have internal decision-making electronics, microcomputers, or software that interpret physiologic signals and (2) do not require the user's discretion or judgment.

The bill also allows unlicensed assistive personnel to obtain and document a resident's weight and to assist residents in using glucose monitors for obtaining and documenting blood glucose levels.

A "residential care home" is an establishment furnishing, in single or multiple facilities, food and shelter to two or more persons unrelated to the proprietor. Also, it provides services that meet a need beyond the basic provisions of food, shelter, and laundry.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2007

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 26 Nay 0 (03/09/2007)