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**Raised Bill No. 7222**

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

**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 Section 19a-495a of the general statutes is repealed and  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 from passage*):

3 On or before [July 1, 2000] October 1, 2007, the Commissioner of  
4 Public Health shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
5 provisions of chapter 54, to allow unlicensed personnel in residential  
6 care homes, as defined in section 19a-490, to obtain certification for the  
7 administration of medication. For purposes of this section,  
8 administration of medication includes (1) obtaining and documenting  
9 residents' blood pressures, weights and temperatures with digital  
10 medical instruments that (A) contain internal decision-making  
11 electronics, microcomputers or special software that allow the  
12 instruments to interpret physiologic signals, and (B) do not require the  
13 user to employ any discretion or judgment in their use; and (2)  
14 assisting residents in the use of glucose monitors to obtain and  
15 document their blood glucose levels. The regulations shall establish  
16 training requirements, including on-going training requirements, that

17 include, but are not limited to: Initial orientation, [resident] residents'  
18 rights, behavioral management, personal care, nutrition and food  
19 safety, [and] health and safety in general and administration of  
20 medication.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	19a-495a

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow unlicensed assistive personnel in residential care homes to use digital medical instruments to perform certain limited health-related tasks upon 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.]*