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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF PERIPHERALLY-
INSERTED CENTRAL CATHETERS IN LONG-TERM CARE SETTINGS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) (a) As used in this
2 section:

3 (1) "Administer" means to initiate the venipuncture and deliver an
4 IV fluid or IV admixture into the blood stream through a vein, and to
5 monitor and care for the venipuncture site, terminate the procedure
6 and record pertinent events and observations;

7 (2) "IV admixture" means an IV fluid to which one or more
8 additional drug products have been added;

9 (3) "IV fluid" means sterile solutions of fifty milliliters or more,
10 intended for intravenous infusion, but does not include blood and
11 blood products;

12 (4) "IV therapy" means the introduction of an IV fluid or IV
13 admixture into the blood stream through a vein for the purpose of
14 correcting water deficit and electrolyte imbalances, providing

15 nutrition, and delivering antibiotics and other therapeutic agents
16 approved by a chronic and convalescent nursing home's or a rest home
17 with nursing supervision's medical staff;

18 (5) "IV therapy program" means the overall plan by which a chronic
19 and convalescent nursing home or a rest home with nursing
20 supervision implements, monitors and safeguards the administration
21 of IV therapy to patients; and

22 (6) "IV therapy nurse" means a registered nurse who is qualified by
23 education and training and has demonstrated proficiency in the
24 theoretical and clinical aspects of IV therapy to administer an IV fluid
25 or IV admixture.

26 (b) An IV therapy nurse employed by, or operating under a contract
27 to provide services in, a chronic and convalescent nursing home or a
28 rest home with nursing supervision that operates an IV therapy
29 program may administer a peripherally-inserted central catheter as
30 part of such facility's IV therapy program. The Department of Public
31 Health shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of
32 chapter 54 of the general statutes to carry out the purposes of this
33 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2011	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To allow IV therapy nurses to place or remove peripherally-inserted central catheter lines in patients residing in long-term care facilities.

[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.]