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:

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

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

2. "IV admixture" means an IV fluid to which one or more additional drug products have been added;

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

4. "IV therapy" means the introduction of an IV fluid or IV admixture into the blood stream through a vein for the purpose of correcting water deficit and electrolyte imbalances, providing
nutrition, and delivering antibiotics and other therapeutic agents
approved by a chronic and convalescent nursing home's or a rest home
with nursing supervision's medical staff;

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

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

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