
OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6546*****AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO HOME HEALTH CARE STATUTES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows a licensed registered nurse (RN) employed by a home health care agency to provide in-home training to a privately hired, unlicensed caregiver or personal care assistant (PCA). The training must be provided in the home of the person who hired the unlicensed caregiver or PCA. The RN and unlicensed caregiver or PCA must jointly sign a document (presumably prepared by the RN) containing the subjects the training will cover.

The bill specifies that the RN providing the training is not civilly liable for any injury alleged to have been caused by an unlicensed caregiver or PCA the RN trained if the unlicensed caregiver or PCA (1) did not execute the RN's specific instructions or (2) performed tasks and functions outside the training's scope. It specifically provides that an RN who provides this training is not responsible for overseeing the trainees' activities.

The bill also makes minor, technical, and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 28 Nay 0 (03/28/2011)