



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 981

Senate, April 14, 2015

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. GERRATANA of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL ASSISTANTS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, "medical assistant" means a person who (1) is certified by the
3 American Association of Medical Assistants or the American Medical
4 Technologists, and (2) has graduated from a postsecondary medical
5 assisting program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of
6 Allied Health Education Programs, the Accrediting Bureau of Health
7 Education Schools or the Accrediting Council for Independent
8 Colleges and Schools.

9 (b) A medical assistant may administer a vaccine under the direct
10 supervision, control and responsibility of a physician licensed
11 pursuant to chapter 370 of the general statutes, physician assistant
12 licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the general statutes, or advanced
13 practice registered nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 378 of the
14 general statutes. Prior to administering a vaccine, a medical assistant
15 shall complete not less than twenty-four hours of classroom training

16 and not less than eight hours of training in a clinical setting regarding
 17 the administration of vaccines. Any vaccine administered by a medical
 18 assistant under this section may only be administered at an outpatient
 19 clinic, a federally qualified health center or the office of the supervising
 20 physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse.

21 Sec. 2. Section 19a-6f of the general statutes is repealed and the
 22 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

23 On or before January 1, 2005, and annually thereafter, the
 24 Commissioner of Public Health shall obtain from the American
 25 Association of Medical Assistants and the American Medical
 26 Technologists, a listing of all state residents maintained on said
 27 organization's registry of certified medical assistants. The
 28 commissioner shall make such listing available for public inspection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	19a-6f

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill, which allows medical assistants to administer a vaccine under supervision and adds American Medical Technologist information to the listing that Department of Public Health currently makes publically available, has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 981****AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL ASSISTANTS.****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows medical assistants, under certain conditions, to administer vaccines. It allows them to do so only (1) under the direct supervision, control, and responsibility of a licensed physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse and (2) at the supervising practitioner's office, an outpatient clinic, or a federally qualified health center.

To be eligible to administer vaccines, a medical assistant must meet certain education, training, and national certification requirements. The bill makes a corresponding change to the public health (DPH) commissioner's duty to annually obtain a list of state residents certified as medical assistants.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2015

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS ADMINISTERING VACCINES

Under the bill, to be eligible to administer vaccines, a medical assistant must:

1. be certified by the American Association of Medical Assistants or American Medical Technologists;
2. have graduated from a postsecondary medical assisting program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools, or the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools; and
3. have completed at least 24 hours of classroom training and at

least eight hours of clinical training on administering vaccines.

LIST OF CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

By law, the DPH commissioner must annually obtain from the American Association of Medical Assistants a list of all state residents on the organization’s registry of certified medical assistants. DPH must make the list available to the public. The bill extends this requirement to also include a comparable list from the American Medical Technologists.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 22 Nay 5 (03/27/2015)