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***Raised Bill No. 981***

LCO No. 3984



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL ASSISTANTS.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) For purposes of this section,  
2 "medical assistant" means a person who (1) is certified by the  
3 American Association of Medical Assistants or the American Medical  
4 Technologists, (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, and (3) is practicing at a federally qualified  
9 health center that has received (A) Patient-Centered Medical Home  
10 Recognition from the National Committee for Quality Assurance, or  
11 (B) Primary Care Medical Home Certification from the Joint  
12 Commission.

13 (b) Not later than January 1, 2016, the Commissioner of Public  
14 Health shall establish a three-year pilot program under which a  
15 medical assistant may administer medication under the order of a  
16 licensed health care provider who is (1) authorized to prescribe

17 medication, and (2) a member of the staff of the federally qualified  
18 health center at which the medical assistant administering medication  
19 practices. The supervising licensed health care provider may delegate  
20 to a medical assistant under this program the administration of  
21 medication orally, by inhalation or by intramuscular, intradermal or  
22 subcutaneous injection, including, but not limited to, the  
23 administration of a vaccine. Prior to administering medication under  
24 this program, a medical assistant shall complete not less than twenty-  
25 four hours of classroom training and not less than eight hours of  
26 training in a clinical setting regarding the administration of  
27 medications.

28 (c) Any medication administered by a medical assistant under this  
29 program shall: (1) Be administered at an outpatient clinic or the  
30 supervising licensed health care provider's office; (2) be administered  
31 under the direct supervision, control and responsibility of the  
32 supervising licensed health care provider who is in the outpatient  
33 clinic or office when such medication is administered; (3) for the  
34 administration of medication by injection, be limited to an injection in  
35 the extremities or the back of the patient; (4) not include the  
36 administration of an anesthetic agent or a schedule I, II or III controlled  
37 substance or the administration of medication by intravenous injection;  
38 and (5) be administered by a medical assistant whom the supervising  
39 licensed health care provider reasonably believes has the skill and  
40 competency to administer such medication. A medical assistant shall  
41 not administer medication (A) in an inpatient clinic, hospital  
42 emergency department or ambulatory surgical center, or (B) during  
43 routine surgical procedures in an outpatient clinic or supervising  
44 health care provider's office.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a pilot program allowing medical assistants to administer medications.

*[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.]*