



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 7174

House of Representatives, April 13, 2017

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. STEINBERG of the 136th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ALLOWING CERTAIN HOSPITAL PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER A SALINE FLUSH TO AN INTRAVENOUS LINE.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2017*) (a) As used in this
2 section:

3 (1) "Normal saline" means a nine-tenths of one per cent sodium
4 chloride solution that does not contain additives and is suitable for
5 administration to a hospital patient;

6 (2) "Prepackaged" means prepared by a pharmacy or a
7 manufacturer in a sterile environment; and

8 (3) "Peripheral IV" means a peripherally inserted intravenous line.

9 (b) The flushing of a peripheral IV with prepackaged normal saline
10 may be performed at a hospital by unlicensed hospital personnel
11 responsible for drawing blood and trained under a protocol approved
12 by the hospital. The hospital-approved protocol shall indicate the level

13 of supervision and training required for unlicensed hospital personnel
14 who perform flushing of a peripheral IV and include education about
15 aseptic technique and infection control. The hospital shall document
16 and maintain such protocol at the hospital for not less than two years
17 from the date of implementation of such protocol. The flushing of a
18 peripheral IV with prepackaged normal saline shall not be considered
19 the administration of medication.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2017	New section

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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

The bill, which allows the flushing of a peripheral IV with prepackaged normal saline to be performed by certain unlicensed hospital personnel, does not result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

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

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT ALLOWING CERTAIN HOSPITAL PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER A SALINE FLUSH TO AN INTRAVENOUS LINE.

SUMMARY

This bill allows unlicensed hospital personnel to flush a peripherally inserted intravenous line (“peripheral IV”) with prepackaged normal saline. The unlicensed personnel must be responsible for drawing blood and trained under a hospital-approved protocol that (1) indicates the level of training and supervision needed to perform the task and (2) includes education about aseptic technique and infection control. The hospital must document and maintain the protocol for at least two years after it is implemented.

Under the bill, flushing a peripheral IV with prepackaged normal saline is not considered medication administration.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2017

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 2 (03/27/2017)