



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 7174**

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**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	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	New section

**PH**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*