



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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LCO No. 8498



Offered by:  
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To: Subst. House Bill No. 7174      File No. 590      Cal. No. 392

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

1      Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2      following in lieu thereof:

3      "Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 1 of public act 17-23 is repealed  
4      and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1,*  
5      *2017*):

6      (a) As used in this section, "phlebotomist" means a person, acting on  
7      an order of a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the general  
8      statutes, physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the  
9      general statutes, advanced practice registered nurse licensed pursuant  
10     to chapter 378 of the general statutes or podiatrist licensed pursuant to  
11     chapter 375 of the general statutes, who draws blood for diagnostic  
12     testing, transfusions, research or blood donations.

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

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

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

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

20 (b) The flushing of a peripheral IV with prepackaged normal saline,  
21 in a single use pre-filled syringe, may be performed at a hospital by a  
22 phlebotomist who (1) maintains certification from the American  
23 Society of Phlebotomy Technicians, National Center for Competency  
24 Testing, National Phlebotomy Association, National Healthcareer  
25 Association or American Medical Technologists, and (2) is responsible  
26 for drawing blood and trained under a protocol approved by the  
27 hospital. The hospital-approved protocol shall indicate the level of  
28 supervision and training required for such phlebotomists who perform  
29 flushing of a peripheral IV and include education about aseptic  
30 technique and infection control. The hospital shall document and  
31 maintain such protocol at the hospital for not less than two years from  
32 the date of implementation of such protocol. The flushing of a  
33 peripheral IV with prepackaged normal saline shall not be considered  
34 the administration of medication."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2017	PA 17-23, Sec. 1(a)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2017	New section