



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5359

LCO No. 262



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
REP. PALM, 36th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF
URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS BY CERTIFIED NURSING
ASSISTANTS.**

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to allow certified nursing
- 2 assistants employed at an assisted living facility to (1) order and
- 3 perform a urinalysis when a resident presents with symptoms of a
- 4 urinary tract infection and a physician is unavailable, and (2) if the
- 5 resident tests positive for such an infection and a physician is
- 6 unavailable, to treat the infection with appropriate antibiotics.

Statement of Purpose:

To reduce the number of trips residents of assisted living facilities take to the emergency department for a non-life-threatening condition that is simple to diagnosis and cure, to save families time, money and distress and to ease the burden on the health care system.