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Proposed Bill No. 5567

LCO No. 1354



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 NURSE'S AIDES AND
HOME HEALTH AIDES.**

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to allow a certified nurse's aide
2 employed at an assisted living facility and a privately hired, certified
3 home health aide to (1) order and perform (A) a clean catch of a urine
4 specimen, (B) an urinalysis of the urine specimen, and (C) a culture and
5 sensitivity test of the urine specimen, when a resident presents with
6 symptoms of a urinary tract infection and a prescribing health care
7 provider is unavailable, and (2) administer the first dose of the
8 appropriate treatment for a urinary tract infection until follow-up
9 treatment may be administered by a health care provider who is
10 licensed or certified to provide such treatment, provided (A) the
11 resident or the resident's legal representative has given prior permission
12 for the administration of such first dose, and (B) a standing order
13 permitting the certified nurse's aide or certified home health aide to
14 administer such first dose has been issued by a licensed physician,
15 advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant.

Statement of Purpose:

To help residents and their families avoid unnecessary trips to the emergency department, which cause trauma for elders, unnecessarily burden the health care system and drive up the costs of treating a urinary tract infection, which is a common and recurrent, but nonlife-threatening medical condition.