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**HOUSE BILL 15-1182**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF**  
102      **CERTIFIED NURSE AIDES TO INCLUDE CERTAIN TASKS.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The bill allows a certified nurse aide who is deemed competent by a registered nurse to perform the following tasks:

- !      Digital stimulation, insertion of a suppository, or the use of an enema to stimulate a bowel movement;
- !      G-tube and j-tube feedings; and
- !      Placement in a client's mouth of presorted medication that

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

has been boxed or packaged by a registered nurse, a licensed practical nurse, or a pharmacist.

A registered nurse who in good faith determines that a certified nurse aide is competent to perform the tasks is not liable for the actions of the certified nurse aide.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 12-38.1-108.5  
3 as follows:

4 **12-38.1-108.5. Scope of practice.** (1) IN ADDITION TO ANY  
5 NURSING TASKS DELEGATED TO A CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE PURSUANT TO  
6 SECTION 12-38-132, A CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE WHO IS DEEMED COMPETENT  
7 BY A REGISTERED NURSE LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 38 OF THIS  
8 TITLE MAY PERFORM THE FOLLOWING TASKS WITHOUT THE SUPERVISION  
9 OF A REGISTERED NURSE:

10 (a) DIGITAL STIMULATION, INSERTION OF A SUPPOSITORY, OR THE  
11 USE OF AN ENEMA, AND ANY OTHER MEDICALLY ACCEPTABLE PROCEDURE  
12 TO STIMULATE A BOWEL MOVEMENT;

13 (b) GASTROSTOMY-TUBE AND JEJUNOSTOMY-TUBE FEEDINGS; AND

14 (c) PLACEMENT IN A CLIENT'S MOUTH OF PRESORTED MEDICATION  
15 THAT HAS BEEN BOXED OR PACKAGED BY A REGISTERED NURSE, A  
16 LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE, OR A PHARMACIST.

17 (2) THE DUTIES PERFORMED BY A CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE IN  
18 PARAGRAPHS (a), (b), AND (c) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION ARE  
19 NOT CONSIDERED A DELEGATION OF NURSING TASKS PURSUANT TO  
20 SECTION 12-38-132.

21 (3) A REGISTERED NURSE WHO IN GOOD FAITH DETERMINES THAT  
22 A CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE IS COMPETENT TO PERFORM THE TASKS LISTED IN  
23 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION IS NOT LIABLE FOR THE ACTIONS OF THE

1 CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE TASKS.

2           **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
3 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
4 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
5 5, 2015, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2015); except that, if a  
6 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
7 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
8 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
9 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
10 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
11 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.