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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY

Introduced By: Representatives Shallcross Smith, Almeida, Walsh, Ferri, and Martin

Date Introduced: February 23, 2010

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 23-17.9 of the General Laws entitled "Registration of Nursing  
2 Assistants" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **23-17.9-15. Regulation of administrators of medication by nursing assistants. --** The  
4 director shall promulgate regulations permitting the administration of needles/injections,  
5 prescriptions and nonprescription medications by certified nursing assistants, home health care  
6 aides and medical technicians to individuals who are homebound (home based, shut-ins) or home  
7 care services within the state of Rhode Island. Any regulations adopted under this section shall  
8 include education and training to insure the health and safety of the patients.

9           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would require the director of health to promulgate regulations permitting the  
2 administration of needle/injections, prescriptions and nonprescription medications by certified  
3 nursing assistants, home health care aides and medical technicians to individuals who are  
4 homebound or home care services within the state of Rhode Island.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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