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Substitute House Bill No. 5299

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The Committee on Aging reported through REP. GARIBAY of the 60th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ALLOWING TRAINED ASSISTED LIVING AIDES TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION TO ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Administration" means the direct application or provision of a
3 medication by means other than injection to the body of a person;

4 (2) "Trained assisted living aide" means an assisted living aide who
5 (A) is employed by an assisted living services agency, and (B) has
6 successfully completed training for the administration of medication
7 pursuant to regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (d) of this
8 section;

9 (3) "Assisted living services agency" has the same meaning as
10 provided in section 19a-490 of the general statutes;

11 (4) "Medication" means any medicinal preparation and includes any
12 controlled substances specifically designated in the regulations adopted

13 pursuant to subsection (d) of this section; and

14 (5) "Registered nurse" means a registered nurse licensed pursuant to
15 chapter 378 of the general statutes who (A) is employed by an assisted
16 living services agency, and (B) is authorized by such assisted living
17 services agency to delegate to a trained assisted living aide employed
18 by such agency the administration of medication to persons receiving
19 services from such assisted living services agency.

20 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 378 of the general
21 statutes, a registered nurse may delegate to a trained assisted living aide
22 the administration of medication to persons receiving services from
23 such assisted living services agency.

24 (c) A registered nurse who, in good faith, delegates to a trained
25 assisted living aide the administration of medication pursuant to the
26 provisions of this section shall be immune from civil liability for any
27 personal injury or financial loss resulting from the acts or omissions of
28 such aide in the performance of such administration of medication. Such
29 immunity shall not apply to any acts or omissions of the registered nurse
30 that are found to constitute gross negligence or wilful or wanton
31 misconduct. No registered nurse shall be subject to disciplinary action
32 by the State Board of Examiners for Nursing solely for the act of
33 delegating the administration of medication in accordance with the
34 regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

35 (d) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
36 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to carry out the
37 provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2026	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (a)(1), "or provision" was added; the definitions of "assisted living aide" in Subdiv. (2) and "trained assisted living aide" in Subdiv.

(6) were consolidated in Subdiv. (2); Subdiv. (6) was deleted; and related technical changes were made for clarity.

AGE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill authorizes licensed registered nurses to delegate the administration of certain medications to certain qualified assisted living aides, and the Department of Public Health to establish regulations for the administration of medications, resulting in no fiscal impact to the state. DPH has the necessary expertise to develop the regulations.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5299*****AN ACT ALLOWING TRAINED ASSISTED LIVING AIDES TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION TO ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill authorizes licensed registered nurses to delegate the administration of certain medications to assisted living aides who are employed by an assisted living services agency (ALSA) and trained in medication administration, as described below. Under current law, only an ALSA's licensed nursing personnel can administer medications to residents under a prescribing practitioner's orders, and assisted living aides may only supervise residents self-administering medications.

The bill requires the Department of Public Health commissioner to adopt related regulations. An assisted living aide must complete a training as required by these regulations to be qualified to administer medications, including any controlled substances specified in the regulations, but not medications that are injected.

Under the bill, to delegate medication administration to these trained aides, a licensed registered nurse must be employed by an ALSA and authorized by the agency to do so. The bill also provides certain protections for these nurses. Specifically, (1) the State Board of Examiners for Nursing cannot discipline them solely for delegating medication administration as the bill allows and (2) they are generally immune from civil liability if an aide's actions, or failure to act, result in personal injuries or financial loss. However, under the bill, nurses are not immune if their actions, or failures to act, are found to constitute gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/05/2026)