



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 287

Senate, March 19, 2026

The Committee on Aging reported through SEN. HOCHADEL of the 13th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING HOME HEALTH AIDE AGENCIES TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT TO HOME HEALTH AIDES.

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) "Home health aide agency" has the same meaning as provided in
3 section 19a-490 of the general statutes, (2) "home health aide employee"
4 means a person (A) who is employed as a home health aide by a home
5 health aide agency, or (B) with whom such agency has contracted to
6 provide home health aide services on behalf of such agency, (3) "home
7 health aide services" has the same meaning as provided in section 19a-
8 490 of the general statutes, and (4) "personal protective equipment"
9 includes, but is not limited to, disposable gloves, hand sanitizers,
10 aprons, gowns, foot covers, face shields, N95 masks or higher rated
11 masks certified by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and
12 Health and surgical masks.

13 (b) Each home health aide agency shall provide each home health
14 aide employee, at no cost, personal protective equipment that is
15 necessary to safely provide home health aide services to each client of a

16 home health aide employee.

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

AGE *Joint Favorable*

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

The bill, which requires home health aide agencies to provide their home health aide employees and contractors certain personal protective equipment (PPE) for no cost, does not result in a fiscal impact to the state.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 287*****AN ACT REQUIRING HOME HEALTH AIDE AGENCIES TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT TO HOME HEALTH AIDES.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires home health aide agencies to provide their home health aide employees and contractors certain personal protective equipment (PPE) for free. Under the bill, agencies must give these employees and contractors PPE that is necessary for them to safely provide home health aide services to each client and may include, among other things, (1) disposable gloves; (2) hand sanitizer; (3) aprons, gowns, and foot covers; and (4) face shields, surgical masks, N95 masks, or higher-rated masks that are certified by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

BACKGROUND***Home Health Aide Services***

A home health aide agency provides supportive services in a patient's home or a similar environment. These services may include assisting with personal hygiene, dressing, feeding, and incidental household management tasks, but exclude assisting individuals with their daily living activities when they have a chronic and stable disease or condition. Services must be provided under the supervision of a registered nurse.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/05/2026)