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## **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)