
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)