

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 1727

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Modifying the definition of health care facility relating to nursing assistants' practice settings.

Sponsors: House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Schmick, Cody and Short).

House Committee on Health Care & Wellness
Senate Committee on Health Care

Background:

Nursing Assistants.

Nursing assistants assist in the delivery of nursing and nursing-related activities to patients in a health care facility under the direction and supervision of a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse. The Department of Health (DOH) registers nursing assistants and certifies those who complete required education and training as determined by the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (Nursing Commission). "Health care facility" is defined as a nursing home, hospital, hospice care facility, home health care agency, hospice agency, or other entity for delivery of health care services as defined by the Nursing Commission.

Licensed Service Providers.

Under the Community Mental Health Services Act, a "licensed service provider" is: a licensed entity; an entity that has an agreement with the Department of Social and Health Services and that meets state minimum standards as a result of accreditation by a recognized behavioral health accrediting body; or an allopathic or osteopathic physician, registered nurse, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or psychologist.

Summary:

For purposes of the regulation of nursing assistants, the definition of "health care facility" includes licensed service providers under the Community Mental Health Services Act, other than individual health care providers.

Votes on Final Passage:

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House 98 0
Senate 47 0

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