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**Health Care & Wellness Committee**

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**HB 2350**

**Brief Description:** Defining the administration of medication by medical assistants.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Cody and Jenkins.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Specifies that a medical assistant's ability to "administer" medication means both the retrieval and application of medication.

**Hearing Date:** 1/15/16

**Staff:** Ellie Page (786-7291) and Jim Morishima (786-7191).

**Background:**

The Department of Health issues four variants of medical assistant credentials, including a medical assistant-certified, medical assistant-registered, medical assistant-phlebotomist and medical assistant-hemodialysis technician. Each type of medical assistant may perform specified duties if delegated by, and under the supervision of, a health care practitioner. Among other duties, a medical assistant-certified and medical assistant-registered may sterilize equipment, take vital signs, and maintain records. All credentialed medical assistants, excluding medical-assistant phlebotomists, may administer some medications. It is the responsibility of the health care practitioner to determine that the delegation of a task is appropriate and is not prohibited by law.

**Summary of Bill:**

A medical assistant's ability to "administer" medication encompasses both the retrieval and application of medication.

**Appropriation:** None.

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**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 8, 2016.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.