

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1727**

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NURSING ASSISTANTS--SCOPE OF PRACTICE

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FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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BRAD OWEN

**President of the Senate**

Approved May 1, 2015 10:22 AM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1727** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER

**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Schmick, Cody, and Short)

READ FIRST TIME 02/10/15.

1            AN ACT Relating to permitting nursing assistants to perform  
2 simple care tasks under indirect supervision; and amending RCW  
3 18.88A.020.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.88A.020 and 2012 c 208 s 2 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7            Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
8 this section apply throughout this chapter.

9            (1) "Alternative training" means a nursing assistant-certified  
10 program meeting criteria adopted by the commission under RCW  
11 18.88A.087 to meet the requirements of a state-approved nurse aide  
12 competency evaluation program consistent with 42 U.S.C. Sec.  
13 1395i-3(e) and (f) of the federal social security act.

14            (2) "Approved training program" means a nursing assistant-  
15 certified training program approved by the commission to meet the  
16 requirements of a state-approved nurse aide training and competency  
17 evaluation program consistent with 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1395i-3(e) and (f)  
18 of the federal social security act. For community college,  
19 vocational-technical institutes, skill centers, and secondary school  
20 as defined in chapter 28B.50 RCW, nursing assistant-certified  
21 training programs shall be approved by the commission in cooperation

1 with the board for community and technical colleges or the  
2 superintendent of public instruction.

3 (3) "Commission" means the Washington nursing care quality  
4 assurance commission.

5 (4) "Competency evaluation" means the measurement of an  
6 individual's knowledge and skills as related to safe, competent  
7 performance as a nursing assistant.

8 (5) "Department" means the department of health.

9 (6) "Health care facility" means a nursing home, hospital,  
10 hospice care facility, home health care agency, hospice agency,  
11 licensed service provider under chapter 71.24 RCW other than an  
12 individual health care provider, or other entity for delivery of  
13 health care services as defined by the commission.

14 (7) "Medication assistant" means a nursing assistant-certified  
15 with a medication assistant endorsement issued under RCW 18.88A.082  
16 who is authorized, in addition to his or her duties as a nursing  
17 assistant-certified, to administer certain medications and perform  
18 certain treatments in a nursing home under the supervision of a  
19 registered nurse under RCW 18.88A.082.

20 (8) "Nursing assistant" means an individual, regardless of title,  
21 who, under the direction and supervision of a registered nurse or  
22 licensed practical nurse, assists in the delivery of nursing and  
23 nursing-related activities to patients in a health care facility. The  
24 two levels of nursing assistants are:

25 (a) "Nursing assistant-certified," an individual certified under  
26 this chapter; and

27 (b) "Nursing assistant-registered," an individual registered  
28 under this chapter.

29 (9) "Nursing home" means a nursing home licensed under chapter  
30 18.51 RCW.

31 (10) "Secretary" means the secretary of health.

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