

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 1030, relative to licensed practical nurse scope of practice.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-0.

Senator Tim McGough for the committee.

This bill is a small correction in the RSA to more clearly define the role of the Licensed Practical Nurse. The language will clarify the type of patient assessment permitted by statute for LPNs practicing alongside Registered Nurse team members, and will further clarify the role LPNs play in contributing to the care of patients assigned to them. It will continue the practice of LPNs caring for patients with stable conditions as they have been assigned by the RN oversight. It is not the intention of this legislation to reduce training or education requirements for LPNs or allow for RN staffing replacement by LPN staff.