

Sen. Sherman, Dist 24
Sen. Bradley, Dist 3
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Floor Amendment to HB 578-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT establishing a committee to study the safety of residents and employees in long-
4 term care facilities, relative to cost controls in long-term care, and relative to the
5 reimbursement of costs of training nursing assistants.
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7 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 8 with the following:

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9 9 Purpose and Findings. The general court finds that:

10 I. Licensed nursing assistants are the front-line providers of direct care in many settings,
11 including hospitals and nursing homes. New Hampshire has recently seen a net loss of licensed
12 nursing assistants, to the detriment of the staffing necessary to ensure continuity and quality of
13 care.

14 II. Under federal law, including 42 C.F.R. section 483.158, federal financial participation is
15 allowed for the reimbursement of training expenses of those nursing assistants who go to work in
16 nursing homes. While nursing assistants might incur those costs themselves, they are often
17 incurred by a prospective employer.

18 III. It is the intent of the general court to remove any unreasonable barriers to the licensure
19 and training of nursing assistants.

20 10 Health Facility Licensing; Costs of Training for Nurse Assistants; State Plan Amendment.
21 The commissioner of the department of health and human services shall amend, as deemed
22 necessary, the Title XIX Medicaid state amendment to the federal Centers for Medicare and
23 Medicaid Services to implement the provisions of section 11 of this act for the purpose of providing
24 reimbursement, to the maximum extent possible, for the cost of training for assistants to nurses in
25 facilities licensed under RSA 151:2 for approved programs under RSA 326-B.

26 11 Health Facility Licensing; Costs of Training for Nurse Assistants. Amend RSA 151:9, I(k) to
27 read as follows:

28 (k) Procedures for reviewing documentation of the mandatory completion of, *and*
29 *reimbursement for*, a state approved program under RSA 326-B for assistants to nurses in
30 facilities licensed under RSA 151:2[~~who may not assume the responsibility of the position of an~~
31 ~~assistant to nurses prior to completion of the appropriate course required by this chapter]~~ *in*
32 *accordance with the Title XIX Medicaid state plan.*

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1 12 Effective Date.

2 I. Sections 6-8 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2021.

3 II. Sections 9-11 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

4 III. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Establishes a committee to study the safety of residents and employees in long-term care facilities.

II. Clarifies the cost controls for long-term care services.

III. Requires the commissioner of the department of health and human services to amend the state Medicaid plan amendment and adopt rules for reimbursement of the costs of training nursing assistants.