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SENATE BILL

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AN ACT relative to the medical supervision of the licensed registered nurse employed by the general court.

SPONSORS: Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Rep. Grote, Rock. 24; Rep. M. Pearson, Rock. 34

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill removes supervision of the nurse employed by the legislative facilities committee from the department of health and human services and provides that the nurse shall act within the scope of practice provided by the board of nursing and RSA 326-B, the Nurse Practices Act. The bill is a request of the department of health and human services.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 247:1 Public Health; Health Services Room. Amend RSA 125:13-a to read as follows:

2 125:13-a Health Service Room.

3 *I.* The ~~[legislative facilities committee]~~ **general court** shall equip and maintain a health service
4 room in such location in the state house as may be assigned for such purpose. Said room shall be staffed
5 by a licensed registered nurse employed *or contracted* by the ~~[legislative facilities committee]~~ **general**
6 **court**, and the room shall be kept open ~~[at all times when the state house is open for business]~~ *as directed*
7 *by the chief operating officer of the general court*. The expense of the health service room, including a
8 contract nurse, shall be a charge upon the joint expenses appropriation to the general court. ~~[The~~
9 ~~department of health and human services may, in the event of the absence of the employed nurse,~~
10 ~~provide from its staff a licensed registered nurse on a temporary basis. The department of health and~~
11 ~~human services is further authorized, in the event the department cannot provide a licensed registered~~
12 ~~nurse, to negotiate a contract for the legislative facilities committee with a nursing service for the purpose~~
13 ~~of staffing the health service room in the event of an absence of the employed nurse. The daily~~
14 ~~coordination of the contract nurse shall be accomplished jointly with the house chief of staff and the~~
15 ~~department of health and human services. The commissioner]~~ *The chief medical officer* of the department
16 of health and human services ~~[shall provide medical supervision for the employed nurse, for any~~
17 ~~temporarily assigned nurse and, if necessary, for any contracted nursing service]~~ *may provide standing*
18 *orders for medications requiring a prescription for the employed or contracted nurse. The licensed*
19 *registered nurse employed or contracted under this section shall act within the scope of his or her practice*
20 *under RSA 326-B.*

21 *II.* *The chief medical officer of the department of health and human services, acting in good faith*
22 *and with reasonable care, in issuing a standing order, shall not be subject to any criminal or civil liability,*
23 *or any professional disciplinary action, for any action authorized by this section or any outcome resulting*
24 *from an action authorized by this section.*

247:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: July 15, 2025
Effective Date: September 13, 2025