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## Synopsis of House Committee Amendments

(This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the House Floor.)

### S.B. 28 of the 135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

#### House Health Provider Services

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#### Medication aides

Authorizes a medication aide practicing in a residential care facility to administer insulin by injection, oral or topical medications containing a schedule II controlled substance, and medication prescribed for administration on an as-needed basis under specified circumstances, and specifies that a nurse may delegate to a medication aide practicing in a residential care facility responsibility for administering initial doses of prescription medications.

Eliminates the requirement that an applicant for a medication aide certificate who will practice in a residential care facility be a nurse aide or have one year of direct care experience in such a facility.

Specifies that a medication aide certificate issued to an individual who will practice in a residential care facility is valid for use only in such a facility, but requires the Board of Nursing to issue an updated certificate authorizing the individual to practice in either a residential care facility or ICF/IID, but only after the individual demonstrates to the Board that the individual has one year of direct care experience in a residential care facility.

Generally requires the Board to provide each medication aide certificate holder access to a renewal application and requires each holder, as a condition of renewal, to complete 15 hours of continuing education, verify completion of the continuing education requirements, and pay a renewal fee of either \$50 or \$100 depending on the date of renewal.

With respect to medication aide training programs, maintains the 70-hour requirement of instruction in medication administration required for practice in a residential care facility, of which 15 hours are supervised clinical practice, and specifies that 10 hours must include instruction on insulin pen devices that contain dosage indicators, administering the initial dose of each new medication, and administering schedule II controlled substances; maintains the 70-hour requirement for practice in a nursing home or ICF/IID, of which 20 hours are supervised clinical practice.

Requires the Board, when adopting rules about supervised clinical practice components of training programs in residential care facilities, to prohibit facilities from commencing any further supervised clinical practice components, until certain conditions are met, if the facilities are notified by ODH of real and present danger related to administration of medications or provision of skilled nursing care.

Requires the Board, if it establishes by rule a minimum or maximum number of days for participating in or completing a training program, to base that number on calendar days, rather than business days.

## **License to practice veterinary medicine**

Reverses a provision of S.B. 131 of the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly that restricted a limited license to practice veterinary medicine to nonresidents, allowing any individual to obtain a limited license.