

SENATE FILE NO. SF0081

Medication assistants.

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health and Social Services
Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming Nursing Practice Act;
2 authorizing certification of properly trained medication
3 assistants as specified; providing a definition; requiring
4 a study and report; making appropriations; and providing
5 for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 33-21-120(a) by creating a new
10 paragraph (xii) and by renumbering (xxii) as (xxiii) and
11 33-21-122(c) (xxiii) are amended to read:

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13 **33-21-120. Definitions.**

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15 (a) As used in this act:

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1 (xii) "Medication assistant" mean a certified
2 nursing assistant additionally trained and certified by the
3 board to administer oral, topical or transdermal
4 medications to residents or patients in health care
5 facilities excluding acute care;

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7 ~~(xii)~~ (xiii) "This act" means W.S. 33-21-119
8 through 33-21-157.

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10 **33-21-122. Board of nursing; powers and duties.**

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12 (c) Without limiting the foregoing, the board of
13 nursing may do the following:

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15 (xxiii) By board rule and regulation, regulate
16 the qualifications, certification, recertification,
17 examination and discipline of nursing assistants, ~~and~~ nurse
18 aides and medication assistants. For purposes of carrying
19 out this paragraph, fingerprints and other information
20 necessary for a criminal history record background check
21 pursuant to W.S. 7-19-201 shall be provided to the board.
22 Board rules and regulations under this paragraph shall be
23 no more stringent than federal rules and regulations.

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1 **Section 2.** The state board of nursing shall report to
2 the joint labor, health and social services interim
3 committee before November 1, 2005, regarding the number of
4 medication assistant certifications issued to date, places
5 of employment of certified medication assistants and
6 recommendations for long-term funding of continuing
7 medication assistant certification activities.

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9 **Section 3.**

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11 (a) There is appropriated from the general fund to
12 the state board of nursing:

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14 (i) Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to
15 develop rules and regulations required by this act and to
16 implement initial licensing of medication assistants;

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18 (ii) Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00)
19 to develop recommendations for long-term funding of
20 continuing medication assistant licensing activities.

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22 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2005.

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