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Bill Number: HB2468 E

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Bill Title: Advanced registered medication aides; administration of drugs.

Bill Summary: Specifies that advanced registered medication aides may administer drugs to long-term care residents who do not have a clinical condition that requires evaluation by a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse for the administration of medications. The bill also limits the practice of advanced registered medication aides to nursing homes licensed by the Department of Health and permits advanced registered medication aides to administer drugs determined permissible by the Board of Nursing. The bill directs the Department of Health, the Board of Nursing, and the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate regulations to be effective as of December 15, 2025, pertaining to the administration of drugs to residents in nursing homes by advanced registered medication aides.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: n/a

Explanation: Any impacts are minimal and can be absorbed with existing resources. This bill does not require that language updates be made to the proposed Appropriation Act.

Fiscal Summary: Any fiscal impacts resulting from this bill are minimal and can be absorbed with existing resources.

Fiscal Analysis: This legislation specifies the actions available to registered advanced medication aides regarding the administration of medication to long-term care residents, the setting in which a registered advanced medication aide may administer medication, and the types of drugs that registered advanced medication aides may administer. This bill adds clarifying language to remove existing barriers to implementation and is not expected to add new substantive day-to-day responsibilities on the part of the Board of Nursing and the Department of Health.

The Board of Nursing, the Board of Pharmacy, and the State Board of Health (which has the regulatory authority assigned to the Department of Health in this bill—see “Other” below) are accordingly required to update their regulations to reflect such clarifications. Amending and promulgating regulations as described in this bill is expected to result in minimal cost impacts to each board; it is expected that such costs can be handled within existing resources (that is, if they have not already been absorbed prior to the initial due date the bill seeks to adjust).

Other: There is a technical language change needed for the accurate assignation of responsibilities included in this bill. The Board of Health, not the Department of Health, is responsible for amending and promulgating regulations such as those outlined in the fourth enactment of this bill. On line 1399, please strike the word “Department” and replace it with the word “Board”.