

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Nurse Practice Act is amended by changing
5 the heading of Article 80 and Sections 80-10 and 80-45 as
6 follows:

7 (225 ILCS 65/Art. 80 heading)

8 ARTICLE 80. MEDICATION AIDE ~~PILOT~~ PROGRAM

9 (Article scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

10 (Source: P.A. 98-990, eff. 8-18-14.)

11 (225 ILCS 65/80-10)

12 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

13 Sec. 80-10. Program ~~Pilot program.~~

14 (a) The Department shall administer and enforce a Licensed
15 Medication Aide ~~Pilot~~ Program. ~~The program shall last for a~~
16 ~~period of 3 years, as determined by rule. During the 3 year~~
17 ~~pilot program, the~~ Department shall license and regulate
18 licensed medication aides. ~~As part of the pilot program, no~~
19 ~~more than 10 skilled nursing homes, which shall be~~
20 ~~geographically located throughout the State, shall be~~
21 ~~authorized to employ licensed medication aides, as approved by~~
22 ~~the Department.~~ The Department may consult with the Department

1 of Public Health as necessary to properly administer and
2 enforce this Article.

3 (b) To be approved as a qualified facility under the ~~for~~
4 ~~the duration of the pilot~~ program, a facility must:

5 (1) be licensed in good standing as a skilled nursing
6 facility by the Department of Public Health;

7 (2) have an overall Five Star Quality Rating of 3, 4,
8 or 5 from the most recent data available on the Centers for
9 Medicare and Medicaid Services' website;

10 (3) certify that the employment of a licensed
11 medication aide will not replace or diminish the
12 employment of a registered nurse or licensed practical
13 nurse at the facility;

14 (4) certify that a registered nurse will be on-duty
15 and present in the facility to delegate and supervise the
16 medication administration by a licensed medication aide at
17 all times;

18 (5) certify that, with the exception of licensed
19 health care professionals, only licensed medication aides
20 will be employed in the capacity of administering
21 medication; and

22 (6) provide information regarding patient safety,
23 efficiency, and errors as determined by the Department;
24 failure to submit any required report may be grounds for
25 discipline or sanctions under this Act, the Nursing Home
26 Administrators Licensing and Disciplinary Act, or the

1 Nursing Home Care Act.

2 ~~The Department shall submit a report regarding patient~~
3 ~~safety, efficiency, and errors, as determined by rule, to the~~
4 ~~General Assembly no later than 6 months after termination of~~
5 ~~the pilot program.~~

6 (Source: P.A. 98-990, eff. 8-18-14.)

7 (225 ILCS 65/80-45)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

9 Sec. 80-45. Expiration of license. The expiration date for
10 each license to practice as a licensed medication aide shall
11 be set by the rule. ~~Licenses under this Article may not be~~
12 ~~renewed or restored.~~

13 (Source: P.A. 98-990, eff. 8-18-14.)