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licensed health aides; rules

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HOUSE BILL 2189

AN ACT

REQUIRING THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF NURSING TO ADOPT RULES RELATING TO
LICENSED HEALTH AIDES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Licensed health aides; scope of practice; rules
3 On or before October 1, 2026, the Arizona state board of nursing
4 shall adopt rules to implement the scope of practice for licensed health
5 aides as defined in section 32-1601, Arizona Revised Statutes. The rules
6 shall address at least the following:
7 1. Updated standards for licensed health aide training programs,
8 including curriculum and training and eligibility requirements for
9 licensed health aides, including specific requirements for licensed health
10 aides to perform routine ventilator care.
11 2. An attestation process to ensure that a patient is suitable for
12 licensed health aide-level care based on the patient's acuity.
13 3. An updated definition of family member.
14 4. Standards of conduct specific for licensed health aides that
15 take into consideration the circumstances of caring for a family member.
16 5. A discipline process for a licensed health aide who acts outside
17 of the standards of conduct, including providing care outside of their
18 trained competencies related to the health care needs of the individual
19 patient for whom the licensed health aide provides care.
20 6. A process to collect aggregated annual data on the use of and
21 outcomes associated with licensed health aides in this state that protects
22 the private health information of licensed health aide patients.
23 7. A definition of routine ventilator care.