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An Act To Expand the Scope of Practice of Certified Nursing Assistants To Include the Care of Feeding Tubes and Similar Devices

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1812-C, sub-§3, ¶G**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 738, §1, is
3 amended to read:

4 G. Assisting with feeding; and

5 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1812-C, sub-§3, ¶G-1 is enacted to read:**

6 G-1. Management of feeding tubes, suction machines and cough-assist devices; and

7 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §2102, sub-§2, ¶D**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 625, Pt. B, §11
8 and PL 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §6, is further amended to read:

9 D. Delegation of selected nursing services, including but not limited to the
10 management of feeding tubes, suction machines and cough-assist devices, to
11 assistants to nurses who have completed or are currently enrolled in a course
12 sponsored by a state-approved facility or a facility licensed by the Department of
13 Health and Human Services. This course must include a curriculum approved by the
14 board. The board shall issue such rules concerning delegation as it considers
15 necessary to ensure quality of health care to the patient;

16 SUMMARY

17 This bill expands the scope of practice of certified nursing assistants to include the
18 management of feeding tubes, suction machines and cough-assist devices.