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H 783. MED ADMINISTRATION/UNLICENSED PERSONNEL. TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN LICENSED FACILITIES OR PROVIDERS OF MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES TO UTILIZE UNLICENSED HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL TO PERFORM THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION. Permits licensed health care facilities, including hospitals, along with state correction facilities, local confinement facilities, and schools to allow unlicensed health care personnel, referred to as medication aides, to perform technical aspects of medication administration. Enacts new GS 90-171.56 requiring Board of Nursing to set faculty standards for medication aide training and to provide ongoing review and evaluation of training requirements. New GS 131E-271 creates Medication Aide Registry containing names of persons who have completed medication aid training program and passed state-administered medication aid competency exam. Requires governing commissions, agencies, and boards to adopt rules providing for training and competency evaluation of medication aides, registry-listing requirements, and supervision of medication aides. Effective October 1, 2005. Requires Board of Nursing and Dep't of Health and Human Services to report on implementation of act by March 1, 2006, and annually thereafter to legislative committees and the Fiscal Research Division.

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