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H 95. PERSONAL CARE SVCS/PATIENT CONSENT. Filed 2/9/09. *TO REQUIRE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES TO GIVE A PATIENT OR CLIENT THE OPTION OF CHOOSING TO HAVE A PERSONAL CARE SERVICES PROVIDER BE OF THE SAME GENDER AS THE CLIENT.*

Enacts GS 131D-9.1 (licensing of maternity homes and adult care homes), 131E-114.4 (licensing of nursing homes), amends 131E-144.4 (provision of notice to client by home care agency) and enacts 131E-79.2 (hospital licensure) as the title indicates. Requires the health care facility to inform the resident/client of the option of having a personal care service provider who is of the same gender as the resident/client. Provides that the proposed amendments are not to be construed as requiring a facility to employ additional personal care service staff in order to be in compliance with the proposed provisions; however, requires the facility to inform the resident/client if the facility does not employ personal care service staff of both genders. Effective October 1, 2009.

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