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HUMAN RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 2376
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for continuing education requirements for
2 certified nurse aides and certified medication aides.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 135C.34, Code 1997, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 135C.34 MEDICATION AIDE -- CERTIFICATION.

4 1. The department of inspections and appeals, in
5 cooperation with other appropriate agencies, shall establish a
6 procedure to allow a person who is certified as a medication
7 aide in another state to become certified in this state upon
8 completion and passage of both the certified nurse aide and
9 certified medication aide challenge examinations, without
10 additional requirements for certification, including but not
11 limited to, required employment in this state prior to
12 certification. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to
13 chapter 17A to administer this section.

14 2. The department shall establish minimum training
15 standards and continuing education requirements for certified
16 nurse aides and certified medication aides by rule. At a
17 minimum, certified nurse aides and certified medication aides
18 shall be required to complete twelve hours of community
19 college-level continuing education annually.

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill provides for continuing education requirements
22 for certified nurse aides and certified medication aides. The
23 bill provides that the department of inspections and appeals
24 shall establish minimum training standards and continuing
25 education requirements for certified nurse aides and certified
26 medication aides by rule. At a minimum, certified nurse aides
27 and certified medication aides shall be required to complete
28 12 hours of community college-level continuing education
29 annually.

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