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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**

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

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

G. Assisting with feeding; and

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

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

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

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

### **SUMMARY**

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