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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Alabama Board of Nursing is responsible for establishing standards of practice for nurses in the state.

This bill would authorize the Alabama Board of Nursing to adopt rules that allow licensed nurses to delegate certain nursing care tasks to unlicensed health care workers in residential community health settings.

This bill would also prohibit any agency other than the Alabama Board of Nursing from requiring licensed nurses to receive additional certification or training in order to delegate nursing care tasks in residential community health settings.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 Relating to nurses; to authorize the Alabama Board
2 of Nursing to allow licensed nurses to delegate certain
3 nursing care tasks to non-nurses and to prohibit an agency
4 other than the Alabama Board of Nursing from requiring
5 licensed nurses to obtain additional certification or training
6 in order to delegate nursing care tasks.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

8 Section 1. (a) The Alabama Board of Nursing, by
9 rule, may do the following:

10 (1) Determine what nursing care tasks may or may not
11 be delegated by licensed nurses who provide nursing care in a
12 residential community health setting to unlicensed health care
13 workers, provided specific tasks that require the exercise of
14 independent nursing judgment or intervention may not be
15 delegated.

16 (2) Establish standards of practice by a licensed
17 nurse who delegates nursing care tasks pursuant to subdivision
18 (1).

19 (b) No department, board, or other agency, other
20 than the Alabama Board of Nursing, may require licensed nurses
21 who provide nursing care in a residential community health
22 setting to receive any additional certification or training in
23 order to delegate nursing care tasks to unlicensed health care
24 workers.

25 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
26 first day of the third month following its passage and
27 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

