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House Bill 244

Sectional Analysis

“An Act relating to certified nurse aide training; and providing for an effective date”

Section 1: Page 1, line 3 through Page 2, line 19 - Training Program Standards for Certified Nurse Aides

This section amends **AS 08.68.331**, the statute that authorizes the Board of Nursing (or its designee) to issue certification as a nurse aide and adopt regulations governing certification. Under current law, the board may adopt regulations for training and qualifications to ensure CNAs are competent.

HB 244 **adds a new required subsection** to AS 08.68.331 that mandates specific **training standards** that must be established by regulation. These include — *at a minimum* — that CNA training programs must train certificate applicants:

1. **To ensure safe and competent care.**
2. **To form a relationship, communicate, and interact competently with clients.**
3. **To demonstrate sensitivity to emotional, social, and mental health needs of clients.**
4. **To assist clients in reaching and maintaining independence.**
5. **To support and promote clients’ rights.**
6. **To observe and monitor clients and report observations.**
7. **To understand clients’ abilities and care needs.**
8. **To use a problem-solving approach in caregiving.**
9. **To ensure respect for client values, choice, and dignity.**
10. **Effective communication skills including with clients who have psychosocial needs or cognitive conditions such as Alzheimer’s disease, dementia, mental illness, intellectual disability, or other cognitive impairment.**
11. **Care for cognitively impaired individuals and training on activities of daily living.**

Section 2: Page 2, line 20

Effective Date of January 1, 2027