



# SENATE BILL 274: Home Assistance Services.

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**OVERVIEW:** *Senate Bill 274 would exempt home assistance services from home care licensure requirements, explain what home assistance services are, and set requirements for home assistance service providers.*

## BILL ANALYSIS:

**Section 1.(a)** creates a definition for "home assistance services" in the Home Care Agency Licensure Act. Home assistance services do not require licensure and are not home care services. Home assistance services include:

- In-home companion, sitter, and respite care services provided to an individual.
- Homemaker services provided in combination with in-home companion, sitter, respite, or other home care services.
- Non-hands-on care services, as defined in [10A NCAC 13J .1501\(2\)](#) which specifies basic home management tasks, shopping, meal preparation, transportation, companion services, socialization, medication reminders, and other services that do not require the service provider to use "hands-on care" and which do not require training or verification of skills by a Registered Nurse.

**Section 1.(b)** specifies that home assistance services include home-based, community-based and transportation-based services such as:

- Meal preparation, cleaning and organizing, caring for pets, and other home management services.
- Grocery shopping, retail shopping, and pick-up and drop-off of various items.
- Travel to and from medical appointments, social events, and activities.

**Section 1.(c)** requires a home assistance services provider to maintain liability insurance and to inform all new clients it is not licensed by the State and it does not provide health care or hands-on services. Home assistance services providers must follow certain requirements for conducting criminal background checks on contractors and employees.

**Section 1.(d)** prohibits a home assistance services provider from submitting claims for reimbursement for services rendered.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The bill would become effective when it becomes law.

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