Overview

This bill eliminates the requirement that nursing assistants complete an approved training program or be enrolled in a licensed nurse education program, and makes other related changes.

1 **Nursing assistants.** Amends § 144A.61, subd. 2. Strikes language allowing the commissioner of health to adopt rules to establish categories of nursing assistants who are exempt from the nursing assistant educational requirements.

2 **Competency evaluation program.** Amends § 144A.61, subd. 3a. Eliminates the requirement that nursing assistants complete an approved training program or be enrolled in a licensed nurse education program, in order to complete a competency evaluation. Also eliminates language allowing the commissioner of health to approve a nursing assistant for the nursing assistant registry without a competency evaluation, if the individual is in good standing on a nursing assistant registry in another state.

3 **Nursing assistant hired in 1990 and after.** Eliminates the requirement that a nursing assistant, who has not completed a competency evaluation prior to employment, complete an approved nursing assistant training program within four months from the date of employment (the individual would still need to complete a competency evaluation within this time period).