

HB 1619 -- Wheeled Mobility

Sponsor: Holland

This bill establishes the Consumer Protection Act for Wheeled Mobility. The bill:

(1) Creates definitions regarding prescribed wheeled mobility systems professionals and providers;

(2) Requires any person wishing to obtain a wheeled mobility system to have a medical evaluation and a prescription from an appropriate licensed physician;

(3) Requires all home care organizations providing this technology to have a physical location, working telephone, and qualified rehabilitation professional on staff;

(4) Directs rehabilitation professionals to perform face-to-face technology assessments with the consumer based on the evaluation provided by the physician; and

(5) Requires as of July 1, 2008, all qualified rehabilitation professional be certified by the Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America.

The bill will become effective July 1, 2005.