

HB 1757 -- Consumer Protection Act for Wheeled Mobility

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

- (1) Creates definitions regarding consumers, prescribed wheeled mobility systems, and healthcare professionals;
- (2) Requires any person wishing to obtain a wheeled mobility system to have a medical evaluation and a prescription from an appropriately licensed physician;
- (3) Requires all home care organizations providing this technology to have a physical location within the state or within 150 miles of a client's home, a working telephone, and a 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, 2009, all qualified rehabilitation professional be certified by the Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America. Delivery, fitting, and follow-up of the wheeled mobility system will be supervised by the rehabilitation professional.

The bill becomes effective July 1, 2007.