

## S 1988

Nursing Home Staffing Act of 2003

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Dec 9, 2003

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Dec 9, 2003)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/senate-bill/1988>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Edwards, John [D-NC]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NC • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 8, 2004

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 9, 2003

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 1994	Related bill	<b>Dec 9, 2003:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S16133)
108 HR 3355	Identical bill	<b>Oct 27, 2003:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## Summary (as of Dec 9, 2003)

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Nursing Home Staffing Act of 2003 - Amends titles XVIII (Medicare) and XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to promulgate standards for minimum nurse staffing levels in nursing facilities receiving Medicare or Medicaid payments.

Reinstates (Boren amendment) payment methodology, providing for payment of Medicaid services through the use of rates determined pursuant to the criteria under State Medicaid plan requirements as in effect on August 1, 1997. Establishes safe harbor rates.

Provides a permanent 1.50 percent increase of the Medicaid Federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) for a State beginning with FY 2004.

Authorizes inclusion of: (1) financial accountability requirements in the survey and certification process with respect to facilities receiving Medicare or Medicaid payments; and (2) professionals trained in financial accounting and auditing in the multidisciplinary survey teams of professionals under Medicare and Medicaid.

## Actions Timeline

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