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S 1842

Safe Nursing and Patient Care Act of 2007

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Related Bills

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110 HR 2122	Related bill	May 15, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Jul 20, 2007)

Safe Nursing and Patient Care Act of 2007 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to place limitations on mandatory overtime for nurses, prohibit retaliation against them in any manner with respect to any aspect of employment, and establish civil money penalties for violations of this Act.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to study and report to Congress on standards to establish for the maximum number of hours that a nurse may work without compromising the safety of patients.

Requires the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to study and report to Congress on the extent to which federally operated medical facilities have in effect practices and policies for overtime requirements for nurses that are inconsistent with the requirements added by this Act.

Actions Timeline

- Jul 20, 2007: Introduced in Senate
- Jul 20, 2007: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S9659-9660)
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