

HR 5527

Registered Nurse Safe Staffing Act of 2010

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| Rep. Bilbray, Brian P. [R-CA-50] | R · CA | | Nov 15, 2010 |
| Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9] | D · TN | | Nov 15, 2010 |
| Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large] | D · DC | | Nov 16, 2010 |
| Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-38] | D · CA | | Nov 17, 2010 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred To | Jun 15, 2010 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred To | Jun 15, 2010 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 111 S 3491 | Identical bill | Jun 15, 2010: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |

Summary (as of Jun 15, 2010)

Registered Nurse Safe Staffing Act of 2010 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), to require each Medicare participating hospital to implement a hospital-wide staffing plan for nursing services furnished in the hospital.

Requires the plan to require that an appropriate number of registered nurses provide direct patient care in each unit and on each shift of the hospital to ensure staffing levels that: (1) address the unique characteristics of the patients and hospital units; and (2) result in the delivery of safe, quality patient care consistent with specified requirements.

Requires each participating hospital to establish a hospital nurse staffing committee which shall implement and oversee such plan.

Specifies civil monetary and other penalties for violation of the requirements of this Act.

Sets forth whistleblower protections against discrimination and retaliation involving patients or employees of the hospital for their grievances, complaints, or involvement in investigations relating to such plan.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 15, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 15, 2010:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **Jun 15, 2010:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jun 15, 2010:** Referred to House Ways and Means