

HR 5527

Registered Nurse Safe Staffing Act of 2010

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Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jul 13, 2010
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Rep. Tiberi, Patrick J. [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Jul 13, 2010
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Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Jul 26, 2010
Rep. Reichert, David G. [R-WA-8]	R · WA		Jul 27, 2010
Rep. Braley, Bruce L. [D-IA-1]	D · IA		Jul 28, 2010
Rep. Driehaus, Steve [D-OH-1]	D · OH		Jul 30, 2010
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Aug 10, 2010
Rep. Richardson, Laura [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Sep 14, 2010
Rep. Arcuri, Michael A. [D-NY-24]	D · NY		Sep 29, 2010
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
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 15, 2010
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 15, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
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