

## HR 876

Registered Nurse Safe Staffing Act of 2011

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Mar 14, 2011)

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. LaTourette, Steven C. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Mar 2, 2011
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28]	D · NY		Mar 29, 2011
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Apr 6, 2011
Rep. Andrews, Robert E. [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Apr 13, 2011
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Apr 14, 2011
Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn [D-NY-4]	D · NY		May 10, 2011
Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jul 6, 2011
Rep. Schwartz, Allyson Y. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Sep 14, 2011
Rep. Braley, Bruce L. [D-IA-1]	D · IA		Nov 4, 2011
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Nov 30, 2011
Rep. Rothman, Steven R. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Nov 30, 2011
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Dec 15, 2011
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2012
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Feb 14, 2012
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Feb 27, 2012
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Mar 28, 2012
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Mar 28, 2012
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Apr 27, 2012
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		May 7, 2012
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-34]	D · CA		May 7, 2012
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jun 8, 2012

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 8, 2011
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 14, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 58	Identical bill	<b>Jan 25, 2011:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## Summary (as of Mar 2, 2011)

Registered Nurse Safe Staffing Act of 2011 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act 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

- **Mar 14, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 8, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 2, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 2, 2011:** 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.