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Nurse Staffing Standards for Patient Safety and Quality Care Act of 2013

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Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Feb 5, 2014
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Apr 9, 2014
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 10, 2013
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 3, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 739	Related bill	Apr 16, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of May 9, 2013)

Nurse Staffing Standards for Patient Safety and Quality Care Act of 2013 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to require hospitals to implement a staffing plan that includes a minimum direct care registered nurse-to-patient ratio by unit, adjustments above the minimum ratio under appropriate circumstances, and compliance with minimum licensed practical nurse staffing requirements. Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to develop a national acuity tool to establish nurse staffing requirements above minimum ratios.

Directs the Secretary to adjust Medicare payments to hospitals to cover additional costs incurred in providing services to Medicare beneficiaries that are attributable to compliance with such ratios.

Authorizes a nurse to object to, or refuse to participate in, any activity, policy, practice, assignment or task if in good faith it would violate minimum ratios under this Act or if the nurse is not prepared by education, training, or experience to fulfill the assignment without compromising the safety of any patient or jeopardizing the license of the nurse. Prohibits a hospital from: (1) taking specified actions against a nurse based on the nurse's refusal to accept an assignment for such a reason; or (2) discriminating against any patient, employee, or any other individual for good faith complaints or grievances relating to the care, services, or conditions of the hospital or of any affiliated or related facilities. Prohibits actions by hospitals to restrain such rights. Sets forth enforcement provisions.

Applies provisions of this Act through federal health programs, including Medicare, Medicaid, and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health benefits programs.

Includes stipends in the nurse workforce loan repayment and scholarship program. Expands the nurse retention grant program to authorize programs to implement nurse preceptorship and mentorship projects.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 3, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 10, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 9, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **May 9, 2013:** 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.