

HR 2480

Nurse and Health Care Worker Protection Act of 2013

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Labor and Employment

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jul 23, 2013)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Miller, George [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Jun 25, 2013
Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Jul 11, 2013
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Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Jul 30, 2013
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Jul 31, 2013
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Aug 2, 2013
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Aug 2, 2013
Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Sep 12, 2013
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Sep 12, 2013
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Sep 17, 2013
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Oct 4, 2013
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Oct 22, 2013
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Dec 3, 2013
Rep. Enyart, William L. [D-IL-12]	D · IL		Mar 25, 2014
Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Jul 23, 2014
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Sep 11, 2014

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 8, 2013
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 28, 2013
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 23, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 25, 2013)

Nurse and Health Care Worker Protection Act of 2013 - Requires the Secretary of Labor to promulgate an interim final standard on safe patient handling, mobility, and injury prevention to prevent musculoskeletal disorders for direct-care registered nurses and all other health care workers that requires the use of engineering and safety controls to handle patients through the use of mechanical technology and devices where feasible. Requires, however, the use of alternative controls and measures, including trained, designated lift teams, where such technology and devices are not feasible, in order to minimize the risk of injury to nurses and health care workers.

Includes among the requirements of a final standard that health care employers: (1) develop and implement a safe patient handling, mobility, and injury prevention program; (2) train their workers on safe patient handling, mobility, and injury prevention; and (3) post a uniform notice that explains the standard, procedures to report patient handling-related injuries, and workers' rights under this Act. Requires the Secretary to conduct unscheduled inspections to ensure compliance with the standard.

Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to apply the safe patient handling, mobility, and injury prevention standard to hospitals receiving Medicare funds.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 23, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 8, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.
- **Jun 28, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 25, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 25, 2013:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E963-964)
- **Jun 25, 2013:** Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and 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.