

## S 1132

Registered Nurse Safe Staffing Act of 2015

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 29, 2015

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Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 2083	Related bill	<b>May 14, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **Registered Nurse Safe Staffing Act of 2015**

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 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**

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