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Nurse Staffing Standards for Patient Safety and Quality Care Act of 2015

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Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Sep 6, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 27, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 7, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 864	Related bill	Mar 25, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Mar 25, 2015)

Nurse Staffing Standards for Patient Safety and Quality Care Act of 2015

Amends the Public Health Service Act to require hospitals to implement and submit to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) a staffing plan that complies with specified minimum nurse-to-patient ratios by unit. Requires HHS to develop a transparent method for establishing nurse staffing requirements above minimum ratios.

Directs HHS 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.

Allows a nurse to object to, or refuse to participate in, any assignment if it would violate minimum ratios or if the nurse is not prepared by education or experience to fulfill the assignment without compromising the safety of a patient or jeopardizing the nurse's license. 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 individual for good faith complaints relating to the care, services, or conditions of the hospital or of any related facilities.

Adds stipends to 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

- **Apr 7, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 27, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 25, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 25, 2015:** 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.