

## HR 2083

Registered Nurse Safe Staffing Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (May 14, 2015)

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Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Feb 1, 2016
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Feb 24, 2016
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 1, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	May 14, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1132	Related bill	Apr 29, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Apr 29, 2015)

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

- **May 14, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 1, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 29, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 29, 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.