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Nurse and Health Care Worker Protection Act of 2015

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Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 4266	Related bill	**Mar 23, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.

Summary (as of Dec 16, 2015)

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This bill requires the Department of Labor to establish a standard on safe patient handling, mobility, and injury prevention to prevent musculoskeletal disorders for health care workers. The standard must require the use of engineering and safety controls to handle patients.

The standard must require health care employers to: (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 notice that explains the standard, procedures to report patient handling-related injuries, and workers' rights under this Act. Labor must conduct unscheduled inspections to ensure compliance with the standard.

This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to apply the standard to hospitals receiving Medicare funds.

Actions Timeline

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