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Quality Care for Nursing Home Residents Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Feb 12, 2021

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Feb 12, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 12, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 12, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 598	Related bill	Feb 2, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Feb 12, 2021)

Quality Care for Nursing Home Residents Act

This bill establishes several requirements for Medicare skilled nursing facilities and Medicaid nursing facilities, including with respect to minimum staffing levels, protections for whistleblowers and residents, and training for nurses.

Specifically, the bill establishes minimum nurse-resident ratios for day, evening, and night shifts and prohibits facilities from retaliating against residents or staff who file complaints or cooperate in investigations; violators are subject to civil penalties. Facilities must also train nurses on their emergency procedures and on residents' rights.

The bill also requires specific consent procedures in relation to the administration of certain psychotropic drugs and prohibits the use of pre-dispute arbitration agreements in such facilities.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 12, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
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