

## HR 3165

Nurse Staffing Standards for Hospital Patient Safety and Quality Care Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (May 13, 2021)

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Rep. Jacobs, Sara [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Dec 7, 2021
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Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Feb 1, 2022
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Feb 7, 2022
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Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Jun 8, 2022
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Jul 12, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 13, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 12, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1567	Related bill	<b>May 11, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## Summary (as of May 12, 2021)

### Nurse Staffing Standards for Patient Safety and Quality Care Act of 2021

This bill requires 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. Hospitals must post a notice regarding nurse-to-patient ratios in each unit and maintain records of actual ratios for each shift in each unit. The bill also requires hospitals to follow certain procedures regarding how ratios are determined and other staff are prohibited from performing nurse functions unless specifically authorized within a state's scope of practice rules, among other requirements.

HHS must adjust Medicare payments to hospitals to cover additional costs attributable to compliance with these ratios.

Nurses may object to, or refuse to participate in, an assignment if it would violate minimum ratios or if they are not prepared by education or experience to fulfill the assignment without compromising the safety of a patient or jeopardizing their nurse's license. Hospitals may not (1) take adverse actions against a nurse based on the nurse's reasonable refusal to accept an assignment; or (2) discriminate against individuals for good faith complaints relating to the care, services, or conditions of the hospital or related facilities. HHS may impose civil monetary penalties on hospitals violating the ratio requirements and must publish the names of such hospitals.

The bill provides stipends to the nurse workforce loan repayment and scholarship program and expands the nurse retention grant program to include nurse preceptorship and mentorship projects.

## Actions Timeline

- **May 13, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 12, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 12, 2021:** 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.