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8 SYNOPSIS: Currently, there is no state law or
9 administrative rule setting a maximum patient-nurse
10 ratio for care of patients at private dialysis
11 centers licensed by the Department of Public
12 Health.

13 This bill would require the Department of
14 Public Health, by rule, to establish a
15 patient-nurse ratio at private dialysis centers to
16 protect patient health, safety, and welfare and
17 would set a maximum ratio of no greater than eight
18 patients per nurse.

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20 A BILL
21 TO BE ENTITLED
22 AN ACT

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24 Relating to private dialysis centers, to require the
25 Department of Public Health, by rule, to establish a
26 patient-nurse ratio at private dialysis centers.

27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. (a) For purposes of this section, a
2 private dialysis center is a facility licensed by the
3 Department of Public Health that provides outpatient renal
4 dialysis care and is not associated or affiliated with a
5 licensed hospital.

6 (b) The Department of Public Health, by rule, shall
7 establish patient to nurse staffing ratios for all private
8 dialysis centers in a manner that protects the health, safety,
9 and welfare of patients, provided the ratio is no greater than
10 eight patients per nurse.

11 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
12 first day of the third month following its passage and
13 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.