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Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:
(AGE)

**AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM RATIO OF DIRECT CARE
STAFF IN NURSING HOMES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section,
2 (1) "nursing home facility" means a chronic and convalescent nursing
3 home, and (2) "nursing staff" means registered and licensed practical
4 nurses licensed pursuant to chapter 378 of the general statutes and
5 nurse's aides registered pursuant to chapter 378a of the general
6 statutes.

7 (b) On and after October 1, 2019, each nursing home facility shall
8 have sufficient nursing staff available on site to maintain a daily
9 minimum staffing ratio of not less than three direct care nursing staff
10 hours per resident per day.

11 (c) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt or amend
12 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
13 general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section. Such
14 regulations shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) the
15 establishment of a requirement for nursing home facilities to record the
16 number of nursing staff hours available on site to provide direct care to
17 residents, and (2) a definition of the term "direct care".

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To increase the minimum number of hours nurses and nurse's aides spend on patient care at nursing homes.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]