



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 443**

LCO No. 907

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:

SEN. PRAGUE, 19th Dist.

REP. MARTINEZ, 128th Dist.

***AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME STAFFING LEVELS.***

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

1 That section 19a-522 of the general statutes be amended to require  
2 that not later than October 1, 2003, each licensed chronic and  
3 convalescent nursing home and each licensed rest home with nursing  
4 supervision shall maintain aggregate licensed nurse and nurse's aide  
5 staffing levels at or above the following standards: (A) Over a twenty-  
6 four-hour period, such facility shall provide not less than 1.66 hours of  
7 direct care per resident given by nurse's aides; and (B) over a twenty-  
8 four-hour period, such facility shall provide not less than 0.7 hours of  
9 direct care per resident given by licensed nurses. Not later than  
10 October 1, 2004, each licensed chronic and convalescent nursing home  
11 and each licensed rest home with nursing supervision shall maintain  
12 aggregate licensed nurse and nurse's aide staffing levels at or above  
13 the following standards: (A) Over a twenty-four-hour period, such  
14 facility shall provide not less than 2.0 hours of direct care per resident  
15 given by nurse's aides; and (B) over a twenty-four-hour period, such  
16 facility shall provide not less than 0.75 hours of direct care per resident

17 given by licensed nurses.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To improve the quality of care for nursing home patients.