



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5322

February Session, 2014



AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME FACILITY MINIMUM STAFFING LEVELS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) As used in this
2 section, (1) "nursing home facility" means a chronic or convalescent
3 nursing home, and (2) "nursing staff" means nurses licensed pursuant
4 to chapter 378 of the general statutes and nurse's aides.

5 (b) On and after October 1, 2014, each nursing home facility shall
6 have sufficient nursing staff to maintain a daily minimum ratio of not
7 less than two and three-tenths nursing staff hours per resident.

8 (c) If any nursing home facility experiences increased costs or
9 expenditures complying with the provisions of this section, the
10 Department of Social Services shall adjust such facility's Medicaid rates
11 and provide payment for any such costs or expenditures within a
12 reasonable period of time and retroactive to the effective date of this
13 section.

14 (d) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt or amend
15 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
16 general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2014	New section
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1(b), the phrase "daily minimum nursing staff hours to resident ratio of not less than two and three-tenths nursing staff hours per resident" was changed to "daily minimum ratio of not less than two and three-tenths nursing staff hours per resident" for clarity. In section 1(c), the phrase "Medicaid rates" was changed to "such facility's Medicaid rates" for clarity.

HS *Joint Favorable Subst.*