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LCO No. 3221



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

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 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.

6 (b) On and after October 1, 2015, each nursing home facility shall
7 have sufficient nursing staff to maintain a daily minimum ratio of not
8 less than two and three-tenths nursing staff hours per resident.

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

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

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 ensure nursing staff is adequate to provide for the safety and well-being of nursing home residents.

[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.]