



General Assembly

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Substitute Bill No. 1057



AN ACT CONCERNING MINIMUM STAFFING LEVELS IN NURSING HOMES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) As used in this section,
2 "nursing home" means (1) any chronic and convalescent nursing home
3 or any rest home with nursing supervision that provides nursing
4 supervision under a medical director twenty-four hours per day, or (2)
5 any chronic and convalescent nursing home that provides skilled
6 nursing care under medical supervision and direction to carry out
7 nonsurgical treatment and dietary procedures for chronic diseases,
8 convalescent stages, acute diseases or injuries.

9 (b) On or before January 1, 2022, the Department of Public Health
10 shall establish minimum staffing level requirements for nursing homes
11 of at least four and one-tenth hours of direct care per resident per day,
12 including seventy-five hundredths hours of care by a registered nurse,
13 fifty-four hundredths hours of care by a licensed practical nurse and two
14 and eighty-one hundredths hours of care by a certified nurse's assistant.

15 (c) The Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the
16 Commissioner of Social Services, shall (1) review the current definition
17 of the term "direct care" in the regulations of Connecticut state agencies
18 and consider redefining the term for purposes of minimum staffing level

