



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6148

LCO No. 1908



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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:

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AN ACT CONCERNING MINIMUM STAFFING LEVELS FOR NURSES.

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to establish minimum staffing
2 level requirements for nurses, including, but not limited to, the
3 following: One nurse to one patient in the operating room and for
4 trauma patients in the emergency department; one nurse to two patients
5 in intensive or critical care units, neonatal intensive care units, post-
6 anesthesia recovery rooms, labor and delivery units, intensive care units
7 and nontrauma patients in the emergency department; one nurse to
8 three patients in step down 1 units; one nurse to four patients in
9 antepartum units, postpartum couplets, pediatric units, emergency
10 departments, telemetry units and other special care units; one nurse to
11 five patients in medical-surgical units; and one nurse to six patients in
12 postpartum woman-only units and psychiatric units.

Statement of Purpose:

To create safer working environments for nurses by improving the nurse-to-patient staffing ratios.