Bill Introduced to Establish Minimum Registered Professional Nurse Staffing Standards



Assembly Bill 4536, introduced in the New Jersey General Assembly and referred to the Health Committee on September 22, 2022, would require minimum registered professional nurse staffing standards for hospitals, ambulatory surgical facilities, state developmental centers, and psychiatric hospitals. The bill is in response to the current nursing shortage, which is linked to higher levels of job dissatisfaction, burnout, and turnover caused by understaffing. In addition, these facilities would be required to use an acuity and staffing system, approved by the Commissioner of Health, to increase direct care registered professional nurse staffing levels above the minimum levels to be established or provided by law or regulation.

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