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NURSING HOME STAFF RATIOS

House Bill 4079

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**Committee: Agriculture, Forestry &
Minerals**

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4079 AS INTRODUCED 2-5-91

The Public Health Code requires nursing homes to have enough workers 24 hours per day, to provide at least two and one-quarter hours of nursing care per day per patient. The ratio of patients to nursing staff is not supposed to be more than 8:1 in the morning, 12:1 in the afternoon, and 15:1 in the evening.

The bill would amend the code to require nursing homes to post written notice of patient-to-staff ratios and the hours of nursing care per patient per day. Both the required ratios and hours and the actual ratios and hours would have to be posted. Actual ratios would have to be posted weekly, on a form provided by the Department of Public Health and in a "conspicuous location" (including, but not only, in the nursing home lobby or registration area).

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