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NURSING HOME STAFF RATIOS

House Bill 4441
Sponsor: Rep. Burton Leland
Committee: Public Health

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4441 AS INTRODUCED 3-4-93

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to: (1) change the required minimum number of daily nursing care hours provided in nursing homes per patient from 2.25 to 2.65; (2) specify that the required staff-to-patient ratios be ratios between unlicensed nursing personnel and patients; and (3) prohibit staff employed to provide basic services (such as food preparation, housekeeping, laundry, or maintenance services) from providing nursing care to patients. The bill also would create a new ratio (separate from the existing staff-to-patient ratios) of unlicensed personnel to licensed nurses. The unlicensed-to-licensed staff ratios could be not more than five to one during the morning and afternoon nursing home shifts and not more than ten to one during the night shift.

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