

## HB 2183 -- Nurse Staffing Levels

Sponsor: Low (39)

Beginning January 1, 2009, this bill requires hospitals to compile and post daily staffing information in the patient care area of each unit of the hospital. The staffing information must contain the number of registered professional nurses, licensed practical nurses, and certified nurse aides providing direct patient care in the hospital and the methods used for determining and adjusting direct care staffing levels. Each hospital is also required to compile the daily information and submit a monthly staffing report to the Department of Health and Senior Services. Any hospital failing to comply with the provisions of the bill will be subject to licensure sanctions.