



LC3225 - Safe Staffing Standards Bill

A bill for an act entitled “*Safe Staffing Standards for Registered Professional Nurses and Patients, establishing minimum nurse staffing standards and nurse staffing committees in Hospitals to protect and enhance safe quality patient care.*”

Safe Staffing Standards will:

- Protects patients.
- Safe Nurse to Patient ratios help prevent nurse burnout.
- Minimum nurse to patient ratios helps recruit and retain nurses.
- [Unsafe nurse-to-patient ratios](https://mds.marshall.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1196&context=mgmt_faculty#:~:text=High%20nurse%2Dto%2Dpatient%20ratios,cardiac%20arrest%2C%20and%20accidental%20death.)*, is associated with a **7% increase in hospital mortality!**
- Creates Nurse Staffing Committees-joint collaboration with hospital and nurses to provide best standard of high-quality patient care.

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Proposed Bill Language will:

- Not include critical access hospitals.
- Not include long term care facilities.
- Provide for annual reporting to DPHHS that can be posted on their website for public access.

Please support MNA nurses in their efforts to recruit and retain registered nurses in Montana. This bill is a critical step in ensuring our communities receive safe high-quality healthcare.