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The New York State Public Employees Federation, representing 58,000 Professional, Scientific, and Technical workers of New York State, supports this legislation.

The goal of this bill is to give the public greater access to information about the quality of care being provided to them by hospitals throughout the state. As a result of the pressures for cost containment, many hospitals have reduced staff and have begun to substitute untrained workers in place of professionally trained nursing staff.

This bill would help protect the public by requiring hospitals to disclose the number of licensed nurses (RNs and LPNs) providing direct care and also the ratio of RNs to patients. The hospital would also be required to disclose other information regarding staffing practices and quality of care indicators such as the number of adverse patient care incidents, medication errors and patient injuries as well as the number of complaints filed with regulatory agencies. In addition the bill prohibits any person except a licensed RN or LPN from using the title nurse or other title that would mislead the public into believing that person is a nurse.

For these reasons, the Public Employees Federation urges you to support this legislation.

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