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# ***SUPPORT***

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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.

One of the most important factors in the quality of health care is the direct care staffing by professional nurses. Sadly, however, many health care professionals from around the State report that staffing of health care facilities by nurses is often inadequate to assure an optimum level of care. In the worst cases, the inadequate staffing creates a real risk to patient health and safety as well as driving nurses out of the profession because they don't want to work in a chronically understaffed facility.

This bill directs the Commissioner of Health to develop standards for safe staffing for nursing personnel in hospitals. The bill sets minimum staffing ratios for certain types of hospital units. This bill is a necessary step to ensure that all New Yorkers can rely on quality health care when they or their family are in need. To protect and upgrade the quality of care, we must adopt standards that require adequate staffing by qualified professional nurses.

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

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