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# ***SUPPORT***

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The New York State Public Employees Federation, representing 59,000 Professional, Scientific, and Technical workers of New York State, supports this legislation.

This bill would establish requirements for minimum staffing levels of nurses and other health care personnel in nursing homes. It would also establish an advisory council to make recommendations on nursing home staffing and require public disclosure and reporting of staffing in nursing homes.

Adequate staffing is one of the main factors that affects the quality of care for patients in nursing homes and other health care institutions. But many health care facilities have attempted to cut costs by reducing staffing to levels that jeopardize the quality of care. It is essential that the State ensure quality of care by requiring that all nursing homes meet at least a minimum standard of staffing. PEF represents nurses and other health care professionals in many facilities across the State and we therefore support this effort to establish standards that promote safe staffing and quality of care.

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

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