



Whereas, In addition to the necessity of adequate staff ratios, nursing home staff members must also be well-trained and qualified to meet the multiple and complex needs of their residents; and

Whereas, Inadequate education and training places the well-being of nursing home residents at risk; and

Whereas, According to State regulations, nurse aides must currently receive 100 hours of training; and

Whereas, The NHCC Staffing Subcommittee found that the 100-hour training requirement is not sufficient to adequately train nurse aides in areas crucial for the care of the increasingly complicated medical and social needs of nursing home residents; and

Whereas, The NHCC Staffing Subcommittee concluded that the current nurse aide curriculum does not at all address issues that have been identified by aides, residents, and families as crucial to the job; and

Whereas, The Commissioner of the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) should be required to promulgate rules and regulations establishing higher staffing training standards, in addition to minimum staffing requirements; and

Whereas, The NYSDOH should also be required to prepare an annual report on each nursing home to be made available to the public and include: the incidence of adverse patient care incidents, the methods used for determining and adjusting staffing ratios, patient care needs, and each nursing home's compliance with NYSDOH standards and data regarding complaints made against any nursing facility, the substantiality, after investigation, of such complaints, and any corrective actions required; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the Legislature of the State of New York to enact legislation to regulate staffing and training standards in nursing homes in New York State.

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