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Legislative Report  
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Bill	Sponsor		
HB 147	Solobay	Provides for compliance with staffing plans and recordkeeping, and for work assignment policies and for public disclosure of staffing requirements; provides for license standards, reliance on accrediting agencies and Federal Government for medical assistance payments and for civil penalties; provides for cause of action and for grants and loan programs for nurse recruitment	Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services 1/30/09
HB 212	Barrar	Provides for CRNA qualifications	Referred to Professional Licensure 2/2/09
HB 513	Harkins	Establishes a nursing scholarship program	Referred to Committee on Education 2/18/09
HB 890	Baker	Establishes a nursing and nursing educator loan forgiveness and scholarship program	Referred to Committee on Education 3/12/09
House Resolution 103	Siptroth	Designates week of May 6-12, 2009 as "Nurses Week" in PA	Introduced as a noncontroversial resolution 3/3/09
HB 1033	Adolph	Amends the Health Care Facilities Act providing for professional nurse safe staffing standards.	Referred to Health and Human Services 3/19/09
HB 1494	Mirabito	Provides for the use of the title Registered Nurse or Clinical Nurse Specialist.	Referred to Professional Nurse Licensure 5/13/09
HB 1611	Hornaman	Authorizes the Commonwealth of PA to join the Nurse Licensure Compact and provides for the form of the Compact.	Referred to Professional Licensure 6/5/09
HB 1866	Gergely	Amends the Professional Nursing Law providing for certified registered nurse anesthetists.	Referred to Professional Licensure 7/16/09
HB 1922	Gibbons	Amends the Professional Nursing Law providing for definitions and providing for psychiatric mental health clinical nurse specialists.	Referred to Professional Licensure 9/28/09

**Pennsylvania Legislation**

Bill	Sponsor		
SB 311	Browne	Establishes a Nurses Health Program	Referred to Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure 2/20/09
SB 464	Browne	Provides for the use of volunteer time by health care professionals in meeting continuing education requirements	Referred to Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure 3/2/09 Reported as amended 3/31/09. 1 <sup>st</sup> consideration 3/31/09. 2 <sup>nd</sup> consideration 4/1/09. 3 <sup>rd</sup> consideration and final passage 4/21/09. In the House: Referred to Professional Licensure 4/22/09 Re-referred to Appropriations 7/15/09. Re-reported as committed 1/25/2010.
SB 306	Erickson	Provides for identification badges for licensed health care practitioners.	Referred to Public Health and Welfare 2/20/09
SB 689	Stout	Amends the Health Care Facilities Act providing for compliance with staffing plans and recordkeeping, for work assignment policies and for public disclosure of staffing requirements; provides for license standards, for reliance on accrediting agencies and Federal Government, for medical assistance payments and for civil penalties; provides for private right of action and for grants and loan programs for nurse recruitment.	Referred to Public Health and Welfare 3/27/09
SB 742	Leach	Amends the Health Care Facilities Act, providing for hospital patient protection.	Referred to Public Health and Welfare 4/3/09

**Federal Legislation**

Bill	Sponsor		
SB 786	M. White	Provides for CRNA qualifications.	Referred to Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure 4/17/09
H.R. 724	Pastor	Amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants to increase the number of qualified nursing faculty	Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce 1/27/09
H.R. 1001	Shadegg	Creates a new nonimmigrant visa category for registered nurses	Referred to House Committee on the Judiciary 2/11/09 Referred to subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law 3/16/09
H. R. 1460  Related Bill S. 1022	Latham	Amends the Public Health Service Act to establish a graduate degree loan repayment program for nurses who become nursing school faculty members.	Co-sponsors: Murphy, Sestak. Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce 3/12/09
H.R. 1409  Related Bill S. 560	Miller	To enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair labor practices during organizing efforts. – “Employee Free Choice Act of 2009”	Co-sponsors(226): Altmire, Brady, Holden, Kanjorski, Sestak, Fattah, Murphy, Schwartz, Murtha. Referred to House Committee on Education and Labor 3/10/09 Referred to subcommittee on Health Employment, Labor, and Pensions 4/29/09

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H.R. 2176	Pomeroy	Continues the ability of hospitals to supply a needed workforce of nurses and allied health professionals by preserving funding for hospital operated nursing and allied health education programs.	Co-sponsor Gerlach. Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means 4/29/09
H.R. 2273	Schakowsky	Establishes direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals.	Cosponsor – Holden, Sestak Referred to Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means 5/6/09
H. R. 2381  Related Bill S. 1788	Conyers	Directs the Secretary of Labor to issue an occupational safety and health standard to reduce injuries to patients, direct-care registered nurses, and all other health care workers by establishing a safe patient handling and injury prevention standard.	Referred to the committees on Education and Labor, Energy and Commerce, and Ways and Means 5/13/09 Re-referred to subcommittee on Workforce Protections 6/11/09.
H.R. 2520  Related Bill S. 1099	Ryan	Provides comprehensive solutions for the Health Care System of the US.	Referred to Committee on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means 5/20/09
H.R. 2536	Wexler	To provide relief for shortage of nurses in the US.	Referred to Committees on Judiciary and Energy and Commerce 5/20/09 Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Border Security, and International Law 6/12/09

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H.R. 2731  Related Bill S. 790	McCarthy	Funds comprehensive programs to ensure an adequate supply of nurses.	Referred to Committees on Energy and Commerce and Education and Labor 6/4/09 Referred to Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions 7/23/09
H.R. 3109  Related Bill S. 790	Teague	To improve access to health care services in rural, frontier, and urban underserved areas in the U.S. by addressing the supply of health professionals and the distribution of health professionals to areas of need.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel 8/3/09
H.R. 3185	Capps	Amends Title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide payments to hospitals for costs of expanded advanced practice nurse training programs.	Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means 7/13/09
S. 54	Inouye	Amends title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by establishing minimum nurse staffing ratios at certain Medicare providers.	Referred to Committee on Finance 1/6/09
S. 63	Inouye	Amends title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve access to advanced practice nurses and physician assistants under the Medicaid Program	Referred to Committee on Finance 1/6/09
S. 560  Related Bill H.R. 1409	Kennedy	To enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair labor practices during organizing efforts. – “Employee Free Choice Act of 2009”	39 Co-sponsors (Casey is a co-sponsor) Referred to Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions 3/10/09

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S. 790 Related Bill H.R. 3109	Bingaman	To improve access to health care services in rural, frontier, and urban underserved areas in the US by addressing supply of health professionals and the distribution of health professionals to areas of need.	Co-sponsor – Casey Referred to Committee on Finance 4/2/09
S. 1022 Related Bill H.R. 1460	Bayh	Amends the Public Health Service Act to establish a graduate degree loan repayment program for nurses who become nursing school faculty members.	Referred to Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions 5/12/09
S. 1031 Related Bill H.R. 2273	Boxer	Amends the Public Health Service Act to establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratios in hospitals.	Referred to Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions 5/13/09
S. 1099 Related Bill H.R. 2520	Coburn	“Patients’ Choice Act” – To provide comprehensive solutions for the health care systems of the US.	Referred to Committee on Finance 5/20/09
S. 1788 Related Bill H.R.2381	Franken	Directs Secretary of Labor to issue an occupational safety and health standard to reduce injuries to patients, direct-care registered nurses, and all other health care workers by establishing a safe patient handling and prevention standard and for other purposes.	Referred to Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions 10/15/09
S. 1512 Related Bill H.R. 2731	Durbin	Funds comprehensive programs to ensure adequate supply of nurses.	Referred to Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions 7/23/09