

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 537

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Teitelbaum” and substitute “Teitelbaum, and McFadden”; in line 6, after “hours” insert “according to the predetermined work schedule”; in line 7, strike “scheduled work period” and substitute “predetermined work schedule”; in line 8, strike “be responsible for ensuring” and substitute “exhaust all good faith, reasonable attempts to ensure”; and in line 10, strike “scheduled work period” and substitute “predetermined work schedule; exempting certain nurses from certain provisions of this Act”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 19, after “HOURS” insert “ACCORDING TO THE PREDETERMINED WORK SCHEDULE”; and in line 22, strike “A HOSPITAL” and substitute “AN EMPLOYER”.

On page 3, in line 2, after “WITH” insert “ISSUES INCLUDING”; strike beginning with the first “THAT” in line 9 down through “TRAINING” in line 10; strike beginning with “, EVEN” in line 20 down through “COMPROMISED” in line 25; in line 29, after “(10)” insert “EXCEPT FOR NURSES IN COMMUNITY-BASED CARE,”; in the same line, strike “AND”; and in line 31, after “TITLE” insert “; AND”.

(12) THE RIGHT TO WORK AS AN EMPLOYEE OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR”.

On page 4, in line 28, after “VIOLATION” insert “IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARDS OF THE JOINT COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS”; in line 30, after “IF” insert “AN EMERGENCY SITUATION EXISTS AND”; in line 31, after “(1)” insert “(I)”; in line 33, after “FACILITY” insert a semicolon; in the same line, strike “AN EMERGENCY SITUATION EXISTS;”; in line 34, strike “(2)” and substitute “(II)”; in the same line, strike “MAKES THE DISCLOSURE” and substitute “DISCLOSES THE ACTIVITY,”.

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POLICY, PRACTICE, OR VIOLATION”; and in line 37, after “CRIME” insert “; OR

(2) COMPLIES WITH § 8-505 OF THIS TITLE”.

On page 5, in line 5, strike “SUBSECTION (C)” and substitute “SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D)”; in line 7, after “HOURS” insert “ACCORDING TO THE PREDETERMINED WORK SCHEDULE”; in line 17, strike “AND”; after line 17, insert:

“(5) THE STANDARD OF CARE FOR A PATIENT ASSIGNMENT REQUIRES CONTINUITY OF CARE THROUGH COMPLETION OF A CASE, TREATMENT, OR PROCEDURE; AND”;

in line 18, strike “(5)” and substitute “(6)”; and in line 21, strike “ITEM” and substitute “SUBSECTION.”

(D) IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A NURSE MAY BE REQUIRED TO WORK OVERTIME IF:

(1) A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT INCLUDES ON-CALL ROTATION;
OR

(2) THE NURSE WORKS IN COMMUNITY-BASED CARE”;

in line 25, after “(1)” insert “EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D) OF THIS SECTION,”; in lines 22 and 25, strike “(D)” and “(E)”, respectively, and substitute “(E)” and “(F)”, respectively; in line 26, strike “PRESCRIBED WORK PERIOD” and substitute “PREDETERMINED WORK SCHEDULE”; in line 31, strike “BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING” and substitute “EXHAUST ALL GOOD FAITH, REASONABLE ATTEMPTS TO ENSURE”; and in line 33, strike “SCHEDULED WORK PERIOD” and substitute “PREDETERMINED WORK SCHEDULE”.