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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 624  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, before “**Staffing**” insert “Clinical”; in line 4, after “to” insert “comply with certain staffing standards, to”; in line 5, in each instance, before “staffing” insert “clinical”; in the same line, after “committee” insert a comma; in the same line, after “plan;” insert “requiring the chief nursing executive of each hospital to produce a draft clinical staffing plan and submit it to the clinical staffing committee of the hospital;”; in line 6, in each instance, before “staffing” insert “clinical”; in the same line, strike “develop” and substitute “finalize”; in line 7, before “staffing” insert “clinical”; and in line 10, before “Staffing” insert “Clinical”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 2, before “**STAFFING**” insert “CLINICAL”; strike beginning with “(1)” in line 6 down through “**STAFFING**” in line 14 and substitute ““CLINICAL STAFFING””; in line 16, strike “§ 19-394(B)” and substitute “§ 19-394(C)”; in line 17, strike “(D)” and substitute “(C)”; in the same line, strike “**STAFFING**” and substitute “CLINICAL STAFFING”; in line 18, strike “§ 19-394(C)” and substitute “§ 19-394(D)”; in line 21, after “(B)” insert “(1) EACH HOSPITAL LICENSED UNDER THIS TITLE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE STAFFING STANDARDS OF:”

(I) THE ACCREDITATION BODY THAT ACCREDITS THE HOSPITAL; AND

(II) THE FEDERAL CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION.

**(2) A CLINICAL STAFFING PLAN DEVELOPED UNDER THIS PART SHALL COMPLY WITH THIS SUBSECTION.**

**(C)**”;

in lines 22 and 24, in each instance, before “STAFFING” insert “CLINICAL”; in lines 22 and 23, strike “HAS EQUAL MEMBERSHIP FROM MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES” and substitute “:

**(I) IF THE HOSPITAL HAS 150 OR FEWER LICENSED BEDS, HAS 3 MANAGERS AND 2 EMPLOYEES; OR**

**(II) IF THE HOSPITAL HAS 151 OR MORE LICENSED BEDS, HAS 5 MANAGERS AND 4 EMPLOYEES**”;

in line 25, strike “SHALL” and substitute “MAY”; in the same line, strike “AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS”; and in line 28, strike “AN EMERGENCY ROOM” and substitute “A LICENSED”.

On page 3, in line 2, before “RESIDENT” insert “MEDICAL”; strike in their entirety lines 6 through 8, inclusive; in line 9, strike “(IX)” and substitute “(VII)”; in the same line, after “TECHNICIAN” insert “; OR

**(VIII) AN EMPLOYEE WHOSE DUTIES INCLUDE PATIENT ADVOCACY**”;

strike in their entirety lines 10 and 11; in line 12, strike “(C)” and substitute:

**“(D) (1) THE CHIEF NURSE EXECUTIVE OF EACH HOSPITAL SHALL PRODUCE A DRAFT CLINICAL STAFFING PLAN AND SUBMIT IT TO THE CLINICAL STAFFING COMMITTEE OF THE HOSPITAL.**

**(2)**”;

in the same line, before “STAFFING” insert “CLINICAL”; in the same line, strike “DEVELOP” and substitute “FINALIZE”; in lines 13, 14, and 15, in each instance, before “STAFFING” insert “CLINICAL”; in line 13, after “NEEDS” insert “USING THE PLAN SUBMITTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION”; in line 14, strike “(D)” and substitute “(E)”; in the same line, strike “DEVELOPING” and substitute “FINALIZING”; strike beginning with “INPUT” in line 19 down through “(5)” in line 21; in line 23, strike “(6)” and substitute “(5)”; in line 22, strike “AND”; and in line 24, after “PLAN” insert “;

**(6) APPROPRIATE SKILL MIX AND COMPETENCY OF STAFF;**

**(7) STANDARDS REQUIRED BY:**

**(i) THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION; AND**

**(ii) THE ACCREDITATION BODY THAT ACCREDITS THE HOSPITAL;**

**(8) THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS OF THE HOSPITAL DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR AND RELEVANT INFORMATION REGARDING PATIENT DISCHARGES, POTENTIAL ADMISSIONS, AND TRANSFERS;**

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**(9) THE AVERAGE LEVEL OF ACUITY FOR PATIENTS OF THE HOSPITAL DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR AND THE CORRESPONDING LEVEL OF NURSING CARE REQUIRED; AND**

**(10) AN ESTIMATE OF THE APPROPRIATE COMBINATION OF SKILL, EXPERIENCE LEVEL, AND SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION OR TRAINING OF STAFF THAT IS REQUIRED TO ADEQUATELY PROVIDE CARE TO PATIENTS OF THE HOSPITAL**”.

On pages 3 and 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 25 on page 3 through line 17 on page 4, inclusive.

On page 4, in line 19, strike “(A)”; in the same line, strike “JANUARY” and substitute “JULY”; in lines 21 and 24, in each instance, before “STAFFING” insert “CLINICAL”; in line 21, strike “ADOPTED” and substitute “FINALIZED”; and strike in their entirety lines 25 through 32, inclusive.

On page 5, strike beginning with “(A)” in line 2 down through the second “EACH” in line 3 and substitute “EACH”; strike beginning with the colon in line 3 down through “UNIT” in line 8 and substitute “PROVIDE THE CLINICAL STAFFING PLAN TO STAFF ON REQUEST”; strike in their entirety lines 9 through 12, inclusive; strike in their entirety lines 14 through 24, inclusive, and substitute:

**“THIS PART MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE A HOSPITAL TO TAKE ACTIONS THAT ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION OR THE ACCREDITATION STANDARDS OF THE ACCREDITATION BODY THAT ACCREDITS THE HOSPITAL.”;**

in lines 26 and 29, in each instance, before “staffing” insert “clinical”; in line 27, strike “January” and substitute “July”; in lines 28 and 29, strike “staffing committee” and

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substitute “hospital”; in line 29, strike “develop” and substitute “implement”; and in line 30, strike “2027” and substitute “2028”.