

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY DeLUCA, HILL-EVANS, SCHLOSSBERG, CALTAGIRONE,  
KORTZ, KINSEY, FREEMAN, MILLARD AND McCLINTON, APRIL 2, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, APRIL 2, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), entitled "An  
2 act relating to health care; prescribing the powers and  
3 duties of the Department of Health; establishing and  
4 providing the powers and duties of the State Health  
5 Coordinating Council, health systems agencies and Health Care  
6 Policy Board in the Department of Health, and State Health  
7 Facility Hearing Board in the Department of Justice;  
8 providing for certification of need of health care providers  
9 and prescribing penalties," in licensing of health care  
10 facilities, providing for nursing services.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. The act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known  
14 as the Health Care Facilities Act, is amended by adding a  
15 section to read:

16 Section 822. Nursing services.

17 Notwithstanding any other law or regulation to the contrary,  
18 during each 24-hour period, a long-term care nursing facility  
19 shall, when totaled for the entire long-term care nursing  
20 facility, provide a minimum of 3.5 hours of direct general  
21 nursing care for each resident of the long-term care nursing  
22 facility.

1 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.