

Senate Bill 540

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to enact "The Hazel D. McCurry Act"; to require nursing homes to provide certain nursing staffing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as "The Hazel D. McCurry Act."

SECTION 2.

Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"31-7-3.3.

At a minimum, a licensed nursing home:

(1) With fewer than ten residents shall have a licensed practical nurse on site at all times;
and

(2) With more than ten residents shall have a registered professional nurse on site at all times for every ten residents."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.