Safe Staffing & RN-to-Patient Ratios are Front-Page News
As Nurses Flood State House for June 18 Hearings

More than 500 RNs attend hearing on H.1282

Congratulations to all MNA members who attended the June 18 press conference and legislative hearing on H.1282, An Act Ensuring Quality Patient Care and Safe RN Staffing Legislation!

This event provided an opportunity to present the alarming findings of a recently-released survey of RNs in the state, including:

- Nearly one in three nurses report patient deaths directly attributable to having too many patients to care for
- 67 percent report an increase in medication errors due to understaffing
- 64 percent report an increase in complications due to understaffing
- 54 percent report readmission of patients due to understaffing
- 52 percent report injury and harm to patients due to understaffing
- 1 in 2 nurses report that poor staffing leads to longer stays for patients

MNA nurses also told legislators and reporters about findings published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, including:

“The higher the RN-to-patient ratio in a hospital, the more likely there will be patient deaths or complications after surgery.” Each additional patient per nurse was associated with a seven percent increase in mortality. The difference between four to six and four to eight patients per nurse would be accompanied by 14 and 31 percent increases in mortality.

Help keep the safe staffing issue on the legislature’s agenda!

Contact your state senators and representatives today • Provide your legislators with some insight into your job as a front-line nurse • Tell them why you support safe staffing legislation • Share a personal story with them • Ask them to contact their colleagues on the Health Care Committee and urge them to support MNA’s safe staffing legislation!

Call your state senator & representative RIGHT NOW!
Personal contact helps to make bills become laws!

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