# WVNA

## **NURSING CALL TO DUTY**

## **Speaking up for West Virginia's Nurses**

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### **House Bill 4799 - Patient Safety & Transparency Act**

This bill will allow facilities to establish staff-based RN committees to determine appropriate, acuity-based nurse to patient ratios. The facilities would also be responsible to post their daily nurse to patient ratio's in each unit, thereby providing transparency to the public and place nurses on staffing committees.

Read about HB4799 here.

#### **IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED FOR HB 4799:**

We need WVNA Members to contact the <u>House Health Committee</u> members now. Please call during business hours 8am-4pm and ask to speak to the Delegate. Introduce yourself and tell them "I am an RN working on the front lines of healthcare at the bedside in a hospital and I am asking that the House Health Committee RUN and vote YES on HB4799, the Patient Safety and Transparency Act"

After the call, please send them an email with the same message

<u>Delegate Summers</u>, the lead sponsor of this bill is one of us. She is an active working bedside RN here in WV and deserves a call of support and appreciation for this bill.

#### QUICK LINKS TO THE HOUSE HEALTH MEMBERS:

Delegate Hill - Chair

Delegate Pack - Vice-Chair

Delegate Pushkin - Minority Chair

Delegate Staggers - Minority Vice-Chair

Delegate Angelucci

**Delegate Atkinson** 

**Delegate Barnhart** 

Delegate Bates

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Delegate Jeffries, D.
Delegate Jennings
Delegate Lavender-Bowe
Delegate Queen
Delegate Robinson
Delegate Rohrbach
Delegate Rowan
Delegate Thompson, C.
Delegate Walker
Delegate Wilson
Delegate Worrell

#### **Senate Bill 715 - Patient Safety & Transparency Act**

This bill is the Senate version of House Bill 4799. We will have further action items updates in the next few days to come.

Read about SB 715 here.

#### **2020 WVNA Legislative Summit**

Please join us at the Embassy Suites on February 20, 2020. We will have more information on our very important 2020 legislative agenda. To learn more, please Go Here, or to learn more about the event on Facebook, please Go Here. We would love to see you there. We need to see you there. The WVNA needs every Nurse in WV on board with patient advocacy on a whole new level. We hope to see you there.

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