

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 32

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A Resolution requesting the government oversight
committee to study nurse staffing levels and
mandatory overtime practices involving nurses.

WHEREAS, many health care providers are facing
nursing shortages, resulting in nurses working
excessive overtime and research indicates there are
important linkages between nurse staffing levels and
adverse patient outcomes; and

WHEREAS, mandatory overtime practices which compel
or force nurses to work hours beyond agreed-upon
assignments by using threats of discrimination,
dismissal, licensure discipline, or other coercive
sanctions have been addressed in laws enacted in other
states; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
That the government oversight committee of the house
of representatives is requested to study nurse
staffing levels and mandatory overtime practices
involving nurses during the 2003 legislative interim
and to make recommendations for legislative action by
the Eightieth General Assembly, 2004 Regular Session.

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