

HB 285 – Nurse Workforce & Safe Patient Care Act
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unfavorable patient outcomes and save lives.

Throughout my career, I have worked countless times under unsafe staffing conditions. On one night shift, I was part of a team with an LPN, and together we were responsible for 15 patients. During that shift, one of our patients fell and was left lying on the floor for an undetermined amount of time due to the overwhelming patient load. A safer nurse-to-patient ratio could have easily prevented this incident.

When nurses are forced to take on excessively high patient loads, it compromises the quality of care. There have been times when I felt unable to provide my patients with the thorough assessments they deserved or was delayed in administering medications within the required time window—all due to unmanageable assignments.

Simply put, HB 285 will save lives.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Casie Moritz, RN