

HB 285 – Nurse Workforce & Safe Patient Care Act
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Chair Swearingen, Vice Chair Gross, Ranking Member Somani, and members of the Health Provider Services Committee.

I moved to Ohio to work at the prestigious Cleveland Clinic. As a new nurse from California, I was shocked that there was nothing in place to insure the safety of patients and nurses.

In the short time I have been a nurse I have seen mistakes being made when patient ratios are over what they should be. Patient safety should be Ohio's number one concern and in order to guarantee that is being accomplished nursing ratios should be enforced. Nurses are there with people through their worst times why aren't methods to insure safety and prevent burnout.

After working here, I am looking to go back to CA because safety regulations are in place.

Please ensure the safety of the people by giving safe ratios!

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