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SENATE BILL 6279

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By Senators Regala and McAuliffe

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1 AN ACT Relating to posting staffing levels at nursing homes; and  
2 adding a new section to chapter 18.51 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.51 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Each nursing home shall compile and post in a visible and  
7 accessible location of the residential area information about the  
8 number and type of credentialed health care providers who are directly  
9 responsible for resident care during each shift. The information shall  
10 also specify the anticipated ratio of credentialed health care  
11 providers to residents during each shift. The information shall be  
12 adjusted within a reasonable amount of time after each shift has begun  
13 to reflect the actual staffing level and the actual ratio of  
14 credentialed health care providers to residents.

15 (2) Each nursing home shall compile the monthly averages of the  
16 information listed in subsection (1) of this section by shift and  
17 report it to the department every year at a time and manner prescribed  
18 by the department. In addition, the nursing home shall provide a copy

1 of the report to any member of the public upon request. The department  
2 shall compile an annual report of the reports that it receives from  
3 each nursing home and make the information available to the public.

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