

**SHB 1548 - H AMD 129**

By Representative Schmick

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1 On page 4, line 31, after "individuals" strike "suffering from  
 2 mental illness" and insert "~~((suffering from mental illness))~~ who have  
 3 a behavioral health condition. Hours worked by geriatric behavioral  
 4 health workers may be recognized as direct care hours for purposes of  
 5 the minimum staffing requirements only up to a portion of the total  
 6 hours equal to the proportion of resident days of clients with a  
 7 behavioral health condition identified at that facility on the most  
 8 recent semi-annual minimum data set"

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10 On page 7, after line 9, insert the following:

11 "(5) For the purposes of this section, "behavioral health  
 12 condition" means one or more of the behavioral symptoms specified in  
 13 section e of the minimum data set."

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**EFFECT:** Allows the exception to minimum staffing standards in nursing homes to be applied to geriatric behavioral health workers providing direct care services to individuals with a "behavioral health condition" (rather than those "suffering from mental illness"). Defines "behavioral health condition" as one or more behavioral symptoms specified in Section E of the Minimum Data Set.

Allows hours worked by geriatric behavioral health workers to be recognized as direct care hours up to a portion of total hours equal to the proportion of resident days of clients at the facility with a behavioral health condition.

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