



Committee on Environment, Health & Energy

~AGENDA~

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

1:00 PM

Committee Chair: Nancy Barr

Committee Room, 148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor, White Plains, NY 10601

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CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Seniors and Constituencies

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Discussion on the state of the Health Department.

1. **(ID # 10821) Resolution – LEGISLATORS TUBIOLO, BORGIA, BOYKIN, A. WILLIAMS, SHIMSKY, JOHNSON, MAHER, L. WILLIAMS, PEREZ, BARR, KAPLOWITZ, PARKER, COVILL: Proposed Resolution - Safe Staffing for Nurses:**

A proposed Resolution supporting the Safe Staffing for Quality Care Act (S03330/A01532) by the New York Legislature.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

Unfinished Business and any other agenda items to come before the Committee.

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Voice of the People of Westchester County for over 300 years

David J. Tubiolo

Legislator, 14th District

Chair, Committee on Seniors & Constituencies



Committee Assignments:

Budget & Appropriations

Public Works

Social Services

Parks, Planning & Economic Development

To: Sunday Vanderberg, Clerk of the Board of Legislators

FROM: David Tubiolo, Legislator, District 14
Catherine Borgia, Legislator, District 9

Date: April 4, 2018

RE: Safe Staffing for Nurses

Please place the attached Resolution regarding Safe Staffing for Nurses on the April 9th, 2018 Board of Legislators agenda for proper Committee referral.

Thank you.

Attachment: RESO - Proposed Resolution - Safe Staffing for Nurses - DRAFT (10821 : Proposed Resolution - Safe Staffing for Nurses)



BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER,
STATE OF NEW YORK

INTRODUCED BY:
TUBIOLO & BORGIA

RESOLUTION NO. - 2018

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