

1 [Urging California State Legislature to Pass SB 1005: The Safe Ratios Enforcement Act]

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3 **Resolution urging the California State Legislature to Pass SB 1005: The Safe Ratios**
4 **Enforcement Act.**

5 WHEREAS, In 2001, AB394: The Safe Staffing Bill established statewide regulations
6 for safe nurse-to-patient ratios in hospitals, and,

7 WHEREAS, Regular hospital inspections currently do not cover nurse-to-patient ratios
8 and ratios are only enforced if a specific complaint about noncompliance is made; and,

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10 WHEREAS, Delayed investigations of filed complaints cause patient care to suffer and
11 allow unsafe health care facility conditions to continue; and,

12 WHEREAS, Existing California Department of Health Services policies require
13 hospitals cited for violating patient safety laws to submit a plan to correct the problem, but on-
14 site inspections are currently not conducted to ensure execution; and,

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16 WHEREAS, The California State Legislature is currently considering SB1005: The Safe
17 Ratios Enforcement Act, introduced by State Senate member Joe Dunn and the SEIU Nurse
18 Alliance, the largest nursing union in the United States; and,

19 WHEREAS, The Safe Ratios Enforcement Act would enforce staffing ratios and other
20 staffing requirements through regular inspections, require unannounced hospital inspections,
21 timely investigations of complaints, follow-up procedures to ensure hospitals fix problems and
22 establish fineable deadlines for compliance; now, therefore be it

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24 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
25 urges the California State Legislature to pass SB 1005 during the current session and help

improve the safety and quality of patient care in hospitals across the state of California.

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