



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

APPROVAL #70
CHAPTER #747

December 22, 2023

MEMORANDUM filed with Assembly Bill 7328, entitled:

“AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing a four-year demonstration project and workgroup to reduce the use of temporary staffing agencies in residential healthcare facilities”

APPROVED

This bill would establish a demonstration program to incentivize nursing homes to reduce their use of temporary staffing agencies. Under this voluntary four-year demonstration, which would run through calendar year 2026, nursing homes that receive penalties related to staffing and resident care deficiencies could have those penalties reduced by 50% if they could show that they had reduced their use of temporary staff, or were already using low levels of temporary staff, during the relevant period.

I support the goals of this bill, which aims to ensure residents receive high-quality care and nursing homes are not forced to rely on costly staffing agencies. However, technical changes were necessary to ensure it could be implemented effectively and achieve its stated goals.

I have reached an agreement with the Legislature to enact these changes. On the basis of this agreement, I am pleased to sign this bill.

This bill is approved.

Kathy Hochul