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I am in Support of this Bill. This is common-sense.



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It seems common sense that a hospital’s emergency department would be staffed with physicians, but this is unfortunately not the case, and this is certainly not in the best interest of patients. Patients are under the assumption that when they visit the emergency room they will be seen and treated by physicians. This is especially important in cases such as severe automobile accidents, heart attack and stroke, and other severe trauma where intensive medical training is required. Imagine yourself as a patient or with a family member arriving at an emergency department after a severe automobile accident with your or your son’s life hanging in the balance only to find no physician on-duty, or readily available. That’s the situation we are currently in, and this will be further exacerbated by recent changes in Missouri’s collaborative practice laws. Critical access hospitals in Missouri are often not staffed with physicians, instead relying on physician assistants and nurse practitioners. Prior to August 2023, a collaborating physician had to be within 75 miles of the APRN. In an emergency, 75-miles is still to far, but now due to elimination of this requirement, it is possible that no physician resource is within an acceptable distance when a life-or-death case arrives at a rural critical access hospital. This phenomenon is not limited to critical access hospitals. As systems look to cut costs, fewer and fewer emergency physicians will be found in the emergency departments. Leaving patients at risk. I don’t know the answer to hospital financial woes. What I do know is that we should expect that when we must use a hospital emergency department that it is staffed with quality, highly trained individuals capable of taking care of the most serious cases. We don’t want patients, with their lives on the line, dying because a physician that could have saved them wasn’t available. If the hospital can’t afford to staff an emergency department appropriately, it shouldn’t have an emergency department. People shouldn’t lose their lives because the facilities they expect to be able to care for them cannot. A requirement like HB 2548 proposes could very likely be hard on certain hospitals. However, our organization does not believe that “some care is better than no care,” in this situation. An “emergency department” by name implies that a patient can be confident they will receive care for true emergencies from competently trained individuals. This bill will ensure that emergency departments meet that expectation.



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Physicians are necessary to provide the best care possible in emergency departments. Physician training exceeds that of NP/PA. It would be in the publics best interest to have a physician on duty to handle all the possibilities that could occur in an ER whether urban and especially rural areas.



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I support HB No. 2548 and feel a physician should be on site and on duty, responsible for the patients in an emergency department at all times that emergency department is receiving patients. This is an expectation that patients have, what I want for my patients, and what I want for myself and my family. Physician-led healthcare teams offer patients the best healthcare outcomes. Consideration must be given to supporting Critical Access Hospitals and Rural Emergency Hospitals who may offer life-saving stabilization or care prior to referral or transfer to the next closest higher level of care hospital which may be many miles away. Ideally, these hospitals would have a physician on site and on duty in their emergency department 24 hours a day. With the reality of many smaller community hospitals closing due to financial constraints, this may not always be possible and exceptions may need to occur. The ability to access timely emergent care is an area of great need for patients in more rural areas. I see this as an area where advanced practice providers working in collaboration with physicians within a short geographic proximity may offer the best alternative to having a physician in the emergency department 24 hours a day and still provide our patients with physician-led high quality health care. Thank you for your consideration. Wanda G. Wilson, DO



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