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As a RN my and many of my colleagues have been verbally abused, threatened, and unfortunately sometimes it has turned physical before the situation has been resolved. In my experience pts feel there are no repercussions for that behavior if they are a patient in the hospital. They feel they are immune to any legal or civil penalties by assaulting a healthcare worker in any way. This bill is needed to both educate the public that this kind of behavior is not tolerated and there will be consequences to the same caliber as if these actions were committed outside the healthcare environment. Working in healthcare can be stressful enough and this bill will help provide funding to ensure safety of the staff and make it one less thing they have to stress about so they can focus on their job of providing care for patients.



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As an RN of nearly 10 years, it is hard to count the number of times that I or one of my colleagues have been physically or verbally assaulted by a patient or their family member while trying to provide lifesaving care while in the emergency department or intensive care unit. Healthcare workers are people who deserve to be treated with the same dignity and respect as anyone else in their workplace. If you tried to jump across a counter to assault a bank teller who has giving you bad news (like your account had been overdrawn), you would be arrested. If you do that to a healthcare worker who is giving you bad news about a health condition, there is often no accountability for the aggressor and the healthcare worker is reprimanded by administration for their "customer service." We need accountability and workplace security for health care professionals now.



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As a healthcare worker myself, I have seen first hand how violence against healthcare workers affects everyone. It is unacceptable that often times, we are urged to NOT seek legal action against an assailant. Being a patient in the hospital does not excuse one of basic human rights and obeying the law. If a person in a different profession was assaulted, they would seek legal action and would not be shamed by their place of employment for doing so. The same should be said for healthcare workers. Just because we work in a field of compassion, does not mean we are not still human beings who deserve respect. We should be able to go to our place of work and feel safe and supported. More and better trained security personnel would absolutely help with this. Although I do not feel like it needs to be said, the general population should absolutely know that they will be help accountable for their actions if they assault a healthcare worker. It seems as though that should be general knowledge, as we should all treat each other with respect. Assaults on healthcare workers affects not only the workers themselves, but it greater impacts patient care and safety as well. If one does not feel safe going to work, people will not work there and patients will not receive proper care.



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As a healthcare worker who has experienced workplace violence due to lack of security in a hospital setting. Although there have been advancements in security at hospitals, those are limited to hospital budgets and with competing priorities. Often the funds go towards improving patient care and not to employee/healthcare professional's safety. By enacting this legislation, hospitals will have dedicated funds to address the safety of hospitals that will only positively impact healthcare professional's work environment, allowing healthcare professionals to focus on patient care and improving outcomes. This also would provide a safe and secure environment for our patients, families, and guests.



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In support of because health care workers deserve protection from patients, other staff members and all forms of workplace violence while performing their job duties.



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Workplace violence in healthcare is on the rise. Daily, the individuals who care for others, serve in immense capacity, and save lives, are abused both emotionally and physically. I am personally one of those individuals. I give so much to care for others and this has been my life's work for almost 20 years. I too, am a victim of workplace violence. I have been spat on, punched, kicked, spoken to in ways no one should be spoken to. I also know many others who give their time and energy to care for others who have experienced injury, sometimes to the point of even not being able to work any longer due to their injuries. This is something that some may say is part of the job. That if you put yourself in high stress and emotional situations, you never know how others will react. But by no means should that mean that the healthcare hero's that tirelessly take on that burden for other should not be protected or there should not be measures in place to hold accountability to individuals who hurt others. The violence that those experience is not a onetime moment. It is a trauma. It is something you continue to hold on to, that affects your mental capacity, your family, your life. This bill may not stop workplace violence, but it would put measures in place, that can help protect the servants of our society and give them more hope that others can be held accountable for their actions. Please consider protecting and advocating for those who tirelessly put other first. Be the power and the voice those people need to continue to give their hearts and minds to others.



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As a dedicated ICU nurse and nurse anesthesia student I fully support Missouri House Bill 901, which aims to enhance workplace security for health care professionals. This bill proposes the implementation of an education and awareness program by the Department of Health and Senior Services. This is to promote respect for health care professionals and inform the public about the legal consequences of assaulting healthcare workers. Additionally, it offers state reimbursement to hospitals for investments in physical security enhancements and the employment of trained security personnel. Health care professionals often face challenging situations that can escalate into violence. By fostering public respect and understanding via education, we can help mitigate these risks. Furthermore, financial support for hospitals to improve security infrastructure and staffing is crucial in creating a safer work environment. I know all too well the dangers of patient violence against staff and the damage of equipment. My colleagues and I support this bill in its entirety. Ensuring the safety of health care workers is not only vital for their well-being but also for maintaining the highest standards of patient care. I urge the Missouri legislature to pass HB 901, demonstrating a commitment to protecting those who dedicate their lives to caring for others.