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Michigan Organization for Nursing Leadership applauds legislation that will protect nurses from violence in the workplace

LANSING, Mich. – Gov. Whitmer today signed House Bills 4520 and 4521, bipartisan legislation that will increase penalties for violence committed against nurses and healthcare workers, keeping them safe while providing care for Michigan’s residents. The following statement can be attributed to Kim Meeker, MBA, RN, BSN, president of the Michigan Organization for Nursing Leadership (MONL) and chief nursing officer and vice president of Henry Ford Health.

“Michigan’s unacceptable reality is that nurses are leaving the profession at an alarming rate due to fear of violence. HB 4520 and 4521 provide long overdue protections so nurses and healthcare professionals can continue to do their jobs and provide the best possible care for patients. No nurse should feel like they’re risking their life for simply doing their job caring for patients, and these bills are a tremendous step in the right direction toward a safer healthcare industry for healthcare professionals and patients alike.”

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About MONL

The Michigan Organization for Nursing Leadership is a nonprofit organization with nurse members serving in various roles who are powerful, transformational and influencers of healthcare and the nursing profession. Today’s nurse leaders must orchestrate change, while maintaining the essential components of patient care. The Michigan Organization for Nursing Leadership is the nurses' partner in meeting these challenges. Learn more at www.monl.org.