

RESOLUTION 19-10A

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3 **Title: Violence in the Emergency Room**
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5 **Introduced by: Ponon Dileep Kumar, MD, for the St. Clair County Delegation**
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee B**
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11 **House Action: Disapproved**
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14 **Whereas, violence in emergency rooms is becoming an increasing**
15 **phenomena, and**

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17 **Whereas, hospitals have made security guards less conspicuous in an**
18 **attempt to provide a more friendly setting, and**

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20 **Whereas, a 2004 nurses association study found that half of the members**
21 **surveyed reported being punched at least once in the previous two years, and**
22 **more than 25 percent reported they had been frequently pinched, scratched, spit**
23 **on, or had hands or wrists twisted¹, and**

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25 **Whereas, currently none of the state or national organizations track the**
26 **incidence of emergency room violence against medical professionals; therefore**
27 **be it**

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29 **RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the Michigan legislature to enact a state**
30 **law providing protection to health care professionals working in the emergency**
31 **areas in the state; and be it further**

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33 **RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to push**
34 **for federal legislation to criminalize assaults on health care workers in the line of**
35 **duty with stiffer penalties.**

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38 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**

¹ Lazar K. Violence in ER- a growing problem. Boston Globe, November 11, 2008. (Accessed on February 6, 2010 at http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2008/11/11/violence_in_er_a_growing_problem/).