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This bill will be helpful if passed to

- Ensure that the hospitals remain a safe zone
- Sends clear message to the community that physical and verbal assault are not ok and will not be tolerated

Emergency Departments are a specialty unit that have high burn out rates

S.36 will be an added tool that allows me to have options to protect myself, coworkers, and other patients after attempts to deescalate a patient and their behaviors are unsuccessful

- Pushed by a patient in the lobby after they felt as if they had been waiting for too long
- Jumped on by a patient who was naked and standing on top of a stretcher screaming
- Bit on the arm by a patient while attempting to restrain her as she started to exhibit confusion

and unsafe behaviors to others in the same trauma bay

- Spit on completely by an irate patient who felt entitled to receive a specific strength and brand of pain narcotic
- Been exposed to blood after a patient became irate over visiting hours being enforced. He decided to rip his own IV out after I attempted to deescalate the patient putting myself, the patient in the hallway walking to the bathroom at risk for blood pathogen exposure
- Hate speech and racial slurs after a patient was unhappy with her inability to receive a medication she felt entitled to repeating/screaming the N word over 30 times
- Intimidated and told by a patient family member that they would “have my license” and would make sure that I lose my job
- Threats on my life

S.36 has the individual removed from the situation immediately. It would have prevented a patient

from being able to circle the parking lot waiting for me to leave the building after making statements of harm on my life

The more times I am a victim of work place violence it makes it harder for me to return to work; I have questioned my ability to function as a nurse and would like to prioritize my life and being healthy moving forward