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Avard pleased by passage of bill protecting health care professionals

Concord, NH – The senate passed a bill, SB 323, which would allow hospital security officers to restrain physically violent patients who become a danger to other staff and patients.

“We heard testimony that hospitals suffer the most non-fatal workplace violence when compared to any other environment and security officers are not provided with the same protections as police officers, however, they often deal with a similar population,” said Senator Kevin Avard (R-Nashua).

“This legislation supports security officers who are tasked with maintaining a safe environment for staff and patients from individuals who may be acting in violent or disruptive ways by allowing them to administer restraint when absolutely necessary.”

“We need to ensure that our hospitals are safe environments for patients as well as the doctors, nurses and other staff who care for them and this bill increases these protections,” said Avard. “I am thankful to the Senate for bi-partisan support of this bill and to Senator D’Allesandro for his work to bring this important legislation forward.”

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