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TO: House Law and Justice Committee
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BILL: House Bills 5789, 5790

The Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board (“the Board”) is a seven member Governor appointed Board charged with funding sexual assault and domestic violence services for victims and providing policy recommendations on the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault.

At its meeting on May 11, 2018, the Board voted to support House Bills 5789 and 5790. However, the Board requests that the language in section b(xv) of House Bill 5789 be amended to include out-of-state convictions for crimes substantially similar to MCL 750.90. Without that change, a health care practitioner convicted in another state of engaging in this kind of unlawful sexual contact or penetration with a patient could not be permanently barred from having a license to practice medicine in Michigan. Amending the language will ensure that the intent of the bill is fully realized.

The Board thanks the bill sponsors and this committee for your continued thoughtful work on these issues. Please note that the Board’s position and rationale is solely that of the Board and does not represent the views of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services or any other body. Although the Board is administratively housed within MDHHS, it is an independent, legislatively-created body. (See MCL 400.1502.)