



**\*\*\*NOTICE OF ENHANCED CRIMINAL FINES FOR ASSAULT COMMITTED AGAINST EYE SURGERY CENTER OF MICHIGAN HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AND MEDICAL VOLUNTEERS\*\*\***

Effective March 5, 2024, Michigan law has increased the criminal penalties for certain acts of assault and/or assault and battery that occur at a health facility or agency, hospital or psychiatric hospital. Under the new law, any person, other than a patient receiving treatment, who commits assault, assault and battery and/or assault with a deadly weapons upon a Health Professional or Medical Volunteer of Eye Surgery Center of Michigan while the Healthcare Professional or Medical Volunteer is performing his/her duties at Eye Surgery Center of Michigan in violation of the Michigan Penal Code, MCL 750.81 – MCL 750.82, is subject to **enhanced** criminal fines as follows:

- **Simple Assault and/or Assault and Battery** (MCL 750.81) – misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment up to **93** days and/or fine of up to **\$1,000**.
- **Aggravated Assault** (MCL 750.81a) – misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment up to **1 year** and/or fine of up to **\$2,000**. “Aggravated Assault” means assault of an individual without a weapon and inflicts serious or aggravated injury upon that individual without intending to commit murder or to inflict great bodily harm less than murder.
- **Assault with a Deadly Weapon** (MCL 750.82) – felony punishable by imprisonment up to **4 years** and/or fine of up to **\$4,000**. “Assault with a Deadly Weapons” means assault of another person with a gun, revolver, pistol, knife, iron bar, club, brass knuckles, or other dangerous weapon without intending to commit murder or to inflict great bodily harm less than murder.

Any patient receiving treatment at Eye Surgery Center of Michigan who commits one of the above crimes will not be subject to the enhanced penalties set forth above but may still be subject to prosecution under the above-references provisions of the Michigan Penal Code.

References: 2023 PA 0271 and 2023 PA 0272