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H.P. 351

House of Representatives, February 11, 2025

An Act to Protect Health Care Workers by Addressing Assaults in Health Care Settings

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay.
Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and
Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth,
NUTTING of Oakland, SALISBURY of Westbrook, Senators: CURRY of Waldo, DUSON of
Cumberland, RENY of Lincoln.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §752-F**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 455, §2, is amended to read:

3 **§752-F. Assault ~~in an emergency room~~ on a health care worker**

4 1. A person is guilty of assault ~~in an emergency room~~ on a health care worker if that
5 person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes bodily injury to a person employed or
6 contracted by a hospital licensed under Title 22, chapter 405 ~~if~~ or a person employed or
7 contracted by a health care entity, as defined in Title 22, section 1718-B, subsection 1,
8 paragraph B, that is licensed by the State to provide health care and the injury occurs in the
9 hospital's designated emergency room course of the person's employment as a health care
10 worker.

11 2. Assault ~~in an emergency room~~ on a health care worker is a Class C crime.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill expands the statute related to assault on emergency room workers to include
14 all health care workers or persons employed or contracted by a health care entity licensed
15 by the State.