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HOUSE AMENDMENT"S" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT"A" to S.P. 661, L.D. 2032, Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Crime of Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer."

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the title and inserting in its place the following:

'Amend the bill in section 2 by striking out all of subsections 1 and 2 and inserting in their place the following:

1. A person is guilty of assault on an officer if:

A. He intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes

medically documented bodily injury to a person who:

(1) He knew or had reason to know, was a law enforcement officer; and

(2) Was, in fact, a law enforcement officer acting

in the performance of his official duties; or

B. While in custody in a penal institution or other facility pursuant to an arrest or pursuant to a court order, he intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes medically documented bodily injury to a member of the staff of the institution or facility.

2. An injury is medically documented when its existence is proven by evidence given by a physician, osteopath or dentist licensed in this State.

3. Assault on an officer is a Class C crime.'

HOUSE AMENDMENT"B"to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT"A" S.P. 661, L.D. 2032 -2-

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to require that the actor know or have charged with assault/ reason to know that the person assaulted was a law enforcement officer. It also clarifies the definition of assault in reference to staff members of penal institutions or other facilities.

Filed by Mr. Henderson of Bangor.

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