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An Act To Provide a Felony Penalty for Assault on a Firefighter

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, BLANCHETTE of Bangor,
GREELEY of Levant, PRATT of Eddington, RINES of Wiscasset, SMITH of Monmouth.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §752-E** is enacted to read:

3 **§752-E. Assault on a firefighter**

4 **1. A person is guilty of assault on a firefighter if the person intentionally, knowingly**
5 **or recklessly causes bodily injury to a firefighter while the firefighter is in the**
6 **performance of the firefighter's official duties.**

7 **2. As used in this section, "firefighter" means a municipal firefighter as defined in**
8 **Title 30-A, section 3151, subsection 2 or a volunteer firefighter as defined in Title 30-A,**
9 **section 3151, subsection 4.**

10 **3. Assault on a firefighter is a Class C crime.**

11 **SUMMARY**

12 Current law makes assault on a police officer or emergency medical services person a
13 Class C crime. This bill extends the same penalty to assault on a firefighter while the
14 firefighter is engaged in the firefighter's official duties.