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An Act Regarding Assault on a Firefighter

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

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Presented by Representative PRATT of Eddington. Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, DUCHESNE of Hudson, GREELEY of Levant, LAJOIE of Lewiston.

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	<u>§752-E. Assault on a firefighter</u>
4 5- 6	1. A person is guilty of assault on a firefighter if the person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes bodily injury to a firefighter while the firefighter is in the performance of the firefighter's official duties at the scene of a fire or other emergency.
7. 8 9	2. As used in this section, "firefighter" means a municipal firefighter as defined in Title 30-A, section 3151, subsection 2 or a volunteer firefighter as defined in Title 30-A, section 3151, subsection 4.
10	3. Assault on a firefighter is a Class C crime.
11	SUMMARY
12 13 14 15	Current law makes assault on a police officer or emergency medical services person a Class C crime. This bill extends the same penalty to assault on a firefighter while the firefighter is engaged in the firefighter's official duties at the scene of a fire or other emergency.