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H.P. 469

House of Representatives, February 17, 2011

An Act To Protect Medical Care Providers and Hospital Staff

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative HARVELL of Farmington.
Cosponsored by Representative DRISCOLL of Westbrook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §752-C**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 470, §1, is amended to
3 read:

4 **§752-C. Assault on a medical care provider**

5 1. A person is guilty of assault on ~~an emergency~~ a medical care provider if that
6 person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes bodily injury to ~~an emergency~~ a
7 medical care provider or the support staff of the medical provider while the ~~emergency~~
8 medical care provider is providing ~~emergency~~ medical care or after the medical care
9 provider has provided medical care to the person or to someone to whom the person has a
10 connection.

11 2. As used in this section, "~~emergency~~ medical care provider" includes ~~hospital~~
12 ~~personnel assisting in an emergency~~ and a licensed or unlicensed person who provides
13 medical care in a hospital, health care facility or other professional setting, including an
14 emergency medical services persons person, defined in Title 32, section 83, subsection
15 12. "Support staff of a medical provider" includes a person who provides direct support
16 to a medical care provider or to a hospital or health care facility, including maintenance
17 and janitorial personnel.

18 3. Assault on ~~an emergency~~ a medical care provider is a Class C crime.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill broadens the Class C offense of assault on an emergency medical care
21 provider to include all medical care providers who are assaulted while providing medical
22 care or after providing medical care by the person who was provided the medical care or
23 by another person connected to such a person. This bill also broadens the offense to
24 include an assault on medical care support staff, such as maintenance and janitorial
25 personnel.