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S.P. 692

In Senate, March 29, 2016

An Act To Increase Penalties for the Use of Violence against Firefighters

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth and
Representatives: HANINGTON of Lincoln, KINNEY of Limington, LONGSTAFF of
Waterville, NADEAU of Winslow, TURNER of Burlington.

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

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

4 **2.** As used in this section, "emergency medical care provider" includes hospital
5 personnel assisting in an emergency and emergency medical services persons, defined in
6 Title 32, section 83, subsection 12, but does not include a firefighter as defined in section
7 752-E, subsection 2.

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

9 **§752-E. Assault on a firefighter**

10 **1.** A person is guilty of assault on a firefighter if that person intentionally, knowingly
11 or recklessly causes bodily injury to a firefighter while the firefighter is providing
12 emergency services.

13 **2.** As used in this section, "firefighter" means a municipal firefighter or volunteer
14 firefighter as defined in Title 30-A, section 3151, subsections 2 and 4, respectively. As
15 used in this section, "provide emergency services" has the same meaning as in Title 30-A,
16 section 3151, subsection 1-A.

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

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill establishes the Class C crime of assault on a firefighter and specifies that the
20 current crime of assault on an emergency medical care provider does not apply to a
21 firefighter.