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Short Title: Assault Emergency Workers/Hospital Personnel. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Dobson, Adcock, and Stevens (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS A FELONY TO ASSAULT HOSPITAL PERSONNEL
3 WHO ARE DISCHARGING OR ATTEMPTING TO DISCHARGE THEIR OFFICIAL
4 DUTIES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-34.6 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 14-34.6. Assault or affray on a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, medical**
8 **responder, and emergency department hospital personnel.**

9 (a) A person is guilty of a Class I felony if the person commits an assault or affray
10 causing physical injury on any of the following persons who are discharging or attempting to
11 discharge their official duties:

- 12 (1) An emergency medical technician or other emergency health care provider.
13 (2) A medical responder.
14 (3) The following ~~emergency department~~ hospital personnel: physicians,
15 physicians assistants, nurses, and licensed nurse practitioners.
16 (4) Repealed by Session Laws 2011-356, s. 2, effective December 1, 2011, and
17 applicable to offenses committed on or after that date.
18 (5) A firefighter.

19 (b) Unless a person's conduct is covered under some other provision of law providing
20 greater punishment, a person is guilty of a Class H felony if the person violates subsection (a)
21 of this section and (i) inflicts serious bodily injury or (ii) uses a deadly weapon other than a
22 firearm.

23 (c) Unless a person's conduct is covered under some other provision of law providing
24 greater punishment, a person is guilty of a Class F felony if the person violates subsection (a) of
25 this section and uses a firearm."

26 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2015, and applies to
27 offenses committed on or after that date.

