

SB 667-FN - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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SENATE BILL

667-FN

AN ACT

relative to the assault of emergency room personnel.

SPONSORS:

Sen. McGough, Dist 11; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Avar, Dist 12; Sen. Gannon,
Dist 23; Sen. Rochefort, Dist 1

COMMITTEE:

Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes felony-level offenses for the assault of emergency room personnel.

Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to the assault of emergency room personnel.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Assault and Related Offenses; First Degree Assault. Amend RSA 631:1, I(e) to read as follows:

2 (e) Knowingly causes serious bodily injury to a law enforcement officer, a paid
3 firefighter, volunteer firefighter, on-call firefighter, or licensed emergency medical care provider as
4 defined in RSA 153-A:2, V, acting in the line of duty; or commits such an act against a law
5 enforcement officer whether or not the officer is on duty, where the purpose was to harm the officer
6 because of his or her present or previous employment as a law enforcement officer[-]; **or**

7 **(f) Knowingly causes serious bodily injury to any emergency room personnel**
8 **acting in the line of duty. For purposes of this subparagraph, "emergency room personnel"**
9 **means a person in a hospital emergency department who, in the course and scope of their**
10 **employment or as a volunteer, provides services or medical care, or who assists in the**
11 **providing of services or medical care, for the benefit of the general public, including, but**
12 **not limited to, any health care professional, emergency department clerk, emergency**
13 **department technician, student, and emergency department volunteer working in the**
14 **hospital emergency department.**

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16 2 Assault and Related Offenses; Second Degree Assault. Amend RSA 631:2, I(g) to read as
17 follows:

18 (g) Knowingly causes bodily injury to a law enforcement officer, a paid firefighter,
19 volunteer firefighter, on-call firefighter, or licensed emergency medical care provider as defined in
20 RSA 153-A:2, V, acting in the line of duty; or commits such an act against a law enforcement officer
21 whether or not the officer is on duty, where the purpose was to harm the officer because of his or her
22 present or previous employment as a law enforcement officer[-]; **or**

23 **(h) Knowingly causes bodily injury to any emergency room personnel acting in**
24 **the line of duty. For purposes of this subparagraph, "emergency room personnel" means a**
25 **person in a hospital emergency department who, in the course and scope of their**
26 **employment or as a volunteer, provides services or medical care, or who assists in the**
27 **providing of services or medical care, for the benefit of the general public, including, but**
28 **not limited to, any health care professional, emergency department clerk, emergency**
29 **department technician, student, and emergency department volunteer working in the**
30 **hospital emergency department.**

31 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

**SB 667-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED**

AN ACT relative to the assault of emergency room personnel.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund</i>	None			
Expenditures*	Indeterminable			
<i>Funding Source</i>	General Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source</i>	None			

*Expenditure = Cost of bill

*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
County Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Expenditures	Indeterminable			
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditures	Indeterminable			

METHODOLOGY:

This bill adds, deletes, or modifies a criminal penalty, or changes statute to which there is a penalty for violation. Therefore, this bill may have an impact on the judicial and correctional systems, which could affect prosecution, incarceration, probation, and parole costs, for the state, as well as county and local governments. A summary of such costs can be found at: https://gencourt.state.nh.us/lba/Budget/Fiscal_Notes/JudicialCorrectionalCosts.pdf

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Judicial Branch, Judicial Council, Department of Justice, Department of Corrections, New Hampshire Association of Counties, and New Hampshire Municipal Association