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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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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:

1 277:1 Assault and Related Offenses; First Degree Assault. Amend RSA 631:1, I(e) to read as
2 follows:

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

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

15 277:2 Assault and Related Offenses; Second Degree Assault. Amend RSA 631:2, I(g) to read as
16 follows:

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

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

29 277:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

Approved: July 02, 2026
Effective Date: January 01, 2027

