

Floor Amendment to SB 667-FN

1 Amend RSA 631:1, I(e) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 ***(e) Knowingly causes serious bodily injury to any emergency room personnel***
4 ***acting in the line of duty. For purposes of this subparagraph, "emergency room personnel"***
5 ***means a person in a hospital emergency department who, in the course and scope of their***
6 ***employment or as a volunteer, provides services or medical care, or who assists in the***
7 ***providing of services or medical care, for the benefit of the general public, including, but***
8 ***not limited to, any health care professional, emergency department clerk, emergency***
9 ***department technician, student, and emergency department volunteer working in the***
10 ***hospital emergency department. This section shall not apply to a person experiencing a***
11 ***mental health crisis who has a mental health diagnosis, a person who has a dementia***
12 ***diagnosis, or a person who has a disability such as an intellectual or developmental***
13 ***disability that impacts the person's ability to effectively communicate.***

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15 Amend RSA 631:2, I(g) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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17 ***(g) Knowingly causes bodily injury to any emergency room personnel acting in***
18 ***the line of duty. For purposes of this subparagraph, "emergency room personnel" means a***
19 ***person in a hospital emergency department who, in the course and scope of their***
20 ***employment or as a volunteer, provides services or medical care, or who assists in the***
21 ***providing of services or medical care, for the benefit of the general public, including, but***
22 ***not limited to, any health care professional, emergency department clerk, emergency***
23 ***department technician, student, and emergency department volunteer working in the***
24 ***hospital emergency department. This section shall not apply to a person experiencing a***
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26 ***diagnosis, or a person who has a disability such as an intellectual or developmental***
27 ***disability that impacts the person's ability to effectively communicate.***

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes felony-level offenses for the assault of emergency room personnel, subject to certain exceptions.