
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ASSAULTS AGAINST MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 707-711, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (1) to read as follows:

3 "(1) A person commits the offense of assault in the second
4 degree if:

5 (a) The person intentionally or knowingly causes
6 substantial bodily injury to another;

7 (b) The person recklessly causes serious or substantial
8 bodily injury to another;

9 (c) The person intentionally or knowingly causes bodily
10 injury to a correctional worker, as defined in section
11 710-1031(2), who is engaged in the performance of duty
12 or who is within a correctional facility;

13 (d) The person intentionally or knowingly causes bodily
14 injury to another with a dangerous instrument;

15 (e) The person intentionally or knowingly causes bodily
16 injury to an educational worker who is engaged in the
17 performance of duty or who is within an educational
18 facility. For the purposes of this paragraph,



1 "educational worker" means any administrator,
2 specialist, counselor, teacher, or employee of the
3 department of education or an employee of a charter
4 school; a person who is a volunteer, as defined in
5 section 90-1, in a school program, activity, or
6 function that is established, sanctioned, or approved
7 by the department of education; or a person hired by
8 the department of education on a contractual basis and
9 engaged in carrying out an educational function;

10 (f) The person intentionally or knowingly causes bodily
11 injury to any ~~[emergency]~~ medical services provider
12 who is engaged in the performance of duty. For the
13 purposes of this paragraph, [~~emergency medical~~
14 ~~services provider~~] "medical services provider" means
15 emergency medical services personnel, as defined in
16 section 321-222, and physicians, physician's
17 assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, certified
18 registered nurse anesthetists, physical therapists,
19 respiratory therapists, laboratory technicians,
20 radiology technicians, ~~[and]~~ social workers, and other
21 medical services staff providing services in [~~the~~
22 ~~emergency room of]~~ a dentist's office, federally



1 qualified health center, home care agency, home health
2 agency, hospice, hospital[+], long-term care facility,
3 medical clinic, physician's office, or a specialized
4 nursing facility; or other licensed or unlicensed
5 medical professional involved in the direct care of
6 patients;

7 (g) The person intentionally or knowingly causes bodily
8 injury to a person employed at a state-operated or
9 -contracted mental health facility. For the purposes
10 of this paragraph, "a person employed at a state-
11 operated or -contracted mental health facility"
12 includes health care professionals as defined in
13 section 451D-2, administrators, orderlies, security
14 personnel, volunteers, and any other person who is
15 engaged in the performance of a duty at a state-
16 operated or -contracted mental health facility;

17 (h) The person intentionally or knowingly causes bodily
18 injury to a person who:

19 (i) The [~~defendant~~] person has been restrained from,
20 by order of any court, including an ex parte
21 order, contacting, threatening, or physically
22 abusing pursuant to chapter 586; or



1 (ii) Is being protected by a police officer ordering
2 the defendant to leave the premises of that
3 protected person pursuant to section 709-906(4),
4 during the effective period of that order; or
5 ~~(i)~~ The person intentionally or knowingly causes bodily
6 injury to any firefighter or water safety officer who
7 is engaged in the performance of duty. For the
8 purposes of this paragraph, "firefighter" has the same
9 meaning as in section 710-1012 and "water safety
10 officer" means any public servant employed by the
11 United States, the State, or any county as a lifeguard
12 or person authorized to conduct water rescue or ocean
13 safety functions."

14 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
15 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
16 begun before its effective date.

17 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Assault; Medical Services Providers

Description:

Expands the offense of assault in the second degree to include harm to certain medical services providers engaged in the performance of duty. (SD1)

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