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HOUSE BILL 560
Senate Judiciary I Committee Substitute Adopted 6/2/15

Short Title: Assault Emergency Workers/Hospital Personnel.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 6, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS A FELONY TO ASSAULT HOSPITAL PERSONNEL
3 AND LICENSED HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS WHO ARE PROVIDING OR
4 ATTEMPTING TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN A HOSPITAL.

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 personnel: physicians, physicians~~
15 ~~assistants, nurses, and licensed nurse practitioners.~~ Hospital personnel and
16 licensed healthcare providers who are providing or attempting to provide
17 health care services to a patient in a hospital.

18 (4) Repealed by Session Laws 2011-356, s. 2, effective December 1, 2011, and
19 applicable to offenses committed on or after that date.

20 (5) A firefighter.

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

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

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



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