

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2015

HOUSE BILL 560  
RATIFIED BILL

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS A FELONY TO ASSAULT HOSPITAL PERSONNEL AND LICENSED HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS WHO ARE PROVIDING OR ATTEMPTING TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN A HOSPITAL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-34.6 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-34.6. **Assault or affray on a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, medical responder, and emergency department hospital personnel.**

(a) A person is guilty of a Class I felony if the person commits an assault or affray causing physical injury on any of the following persons who are discharging or attempting to discharge their official duties:

- (1) An emergency medical technician or other emergency health care provider.
- (2) A medical responder.
- (3) ~~The following emergency department personnel: physicians, physicians assistants, nurses, and licensed nurse practitioners.~~ Hospital personnel and licensed healthcare providers who are providing or attempting to provide health care services to a patient in a hospital.
- (4) Repealed by Session Laws 2011-356, s. 2, effective December 1, 2011, and applicable to offenses committed on or after that date.
- (5) A firefighter.

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

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



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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

s/ Daniel J. Forest  
President of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Pat McCrory  
Governor

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ .m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015