CHAPTER 119

ASSAULT — OFFENSE AGAINST HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

H.F. 310

AN ACT relating to assaults on persons engaged in certain occupations including a health care provider, and making penalties applicable.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 708.3A, subsection 5, paragraph d, Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

d. "Health care provider" means an emergency medical care provider as defined in chapter 147A or a person licensed or registered under chapter 148, 148C, 148D, or 152 who is providing or who is attempting to provide emergency medical services, as defined in section 147A.1, or anyone who is ~~providing or who is attempting to provide health services as defined in section 10A.711 in~~ working, volunteering, or participating in an educational course of instruction at a hospital or rural emergency hospital as defined in chapter 135B, or at a nursing facility as defined in chapter 135C. A person who commits an assault under this section against a health care provider in a hospital, or at the scene or during out-of-hospital patient transportation in an ambulance, is presumed to know that the person against whom the assault is committed is a health care provider.

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