

**House File 2321 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 573)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to assaults on persons engaged in certain  
2 occupations including a health care provider, and making  
3 penalties applicable.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 708.3A, subsection 5, paragraph d, Code  
2 2024, is amended to read as follows:

3 *d. "Health care provider"* means an emergency medical care  
4 provider as defined in [chapter 147A](#) or a person licensed  
5 or registered under [chapter 148](#), [148C](#), [148D](#), or [152](#) who is  
6 providing or who is attempting to provide emergency medical  
7 services, as defined in [section 147A.1](#), or who is ~~providing~~  
8 ~~or who is attempting to provide health services as defined in~~  
9 ~~[section 10A.711](#)~~ in working, volunteering, or participating  
10 in an educational course of instruction at a hospital or  
11 rural emergency hospital as defined in chapter 135B. A  
12 person who commits an assault under [this section](#) against a  
13 health care provider in a hospital, or at the scene or during  
14 out-of-hospital patient transportation in an ambulance, is  
15 presumed to know that the person against whom the assault is  
16 committed is a health care provider.

17 EXPLANATION

18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

20 This bill relates to assaults on persons engaged in certain  
21 occupations including a health care provider.

22 The bill amends the definition of "health care provider" to  
23 include a person who is working, volunteering, or participating  
24 in an educational course of instruction at a hospital or rural  
25 emergency hospital.

26 An assault on a health care provider can result in penalties  
27 including a serious misdemeanor, an aggravated misdemeanor, or  
28 a class "D" felony. A serious misdemeanor is punishable by  
29 confinement for no more than one year and a fine of at least  
30 \$430 but not more than \$2,560. An aggravated misdemeanor is  
31 punishable by confinement for no more than two years and a fine  
32 of at least \$855 but not more than \$8,540. A class "D" felony  
33 is punishable by confinement for no more than five years and a  
34 fine of at least \$1,025 but not more than \$10,245.