

House Study Bill 9 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON NORDMAN)

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:

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1 Section 1. Section 708.3A, subsection 5, paragraph d, Code
2 2025, 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 in
10 an educational course of instruction at a hospital or rural
11 emergency hospital as defined in chapter 135B. A person who
12 commits an assault under this section against a health care
13 provider in a hospital, or at the scene or during out-of-hospital
14 patient transportation in an ambulance, is presumed to know that
15 the person against whom the assault is committed is a health care
16 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 is
33 punishable by confinement for no more than five years and a fine
34 of at least \$1,025 but not more than \$10,245.