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This act adds assault of a transit operator to the list of protected occupations and individuals under the fourth-degree assault statute. The definition of “transit operator” includes the operator of a transit vehicle that provides: public transit, light rail transit, special transportation service, or commuter rail service.

The act makes it a gross misdemeanor to assault a transit operator or intentionally throw or transfer bodily fluids onto an operator, if the transit operator is acting in the course of his or her duties while operating, aboard, or otherwise responsible for a transit vehicle.