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This bill adds assault of a transit operator to the list of protected occupations and individuals under the fourth-degree assault statute. A definition of “transit operator” is provided in the bill.

The bill 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. If the assault or conduct inflicts demonstrable bodily harm on the operator, the maximum penalty increases to a two-year felony.