

Subject Enhancing the penalty for assaulting a hospital or clinic security official

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Overview

Minnesota law enhances the penalty for assaulting certain individuals based on factors including their employment. The fourth-degree assault statute includes an enhanced penalty for assaults against members of a fire department or EMS unit and an assault against a person providing health care services in a hospital emergency department. An assault against one of those individuals that would be a misdemeanor becomes a gross misdemeanor if it is a physical assault and a felony if the assault inflicts bodily harm.

This bill adds security officers providing services in a hospital or clinic to the list of individuals covered by the enhanced penalty.

Summary

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| 1 | Firefighters and medical personnel.
Increases the penalty for assaulting security officers providing services in a hospital or clinic. Establishes a gross misdemeanor penalty for a physical assault and a felony penalty with a maximum sentence of imprisonment of three years for an assault that inflicts demonstrable bodily harm. |
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