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HOUSE BILL 560: Assault Emergency Workers/Hospital Personnel

2015-2016 General Assembly

Committee:	Senate Judiciary I	Date:	May 26, 2015
Introduced by:	Reps. Dobson, Adcock, Stevens	Prepared by:	Brad Krehely
Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H560-CSRN-30		Committee Counsel

SUMMARY: *House Bill 560 would make it a felony to assault hospital personnel and licensed healthcare providers who are discharging or attempting to discharge their official duties. The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) expands the list of victims to include all hospital personnel and licensed healthcare providers who are providing or attempting to provide services in a hospital (was "the following emergency department personnel: physicians, physicians assistants, nurses, and licensed nurse practitioners").*

CURRENT LAW: Under G.S. 14-34.6, a person is guilty of a Class I felony if the person commits an assault or affray causing physical injury on any of the following persons who are discharging or attempting to discharge their official duties:

- An emergency medical technician or other emergency health care provider.
- A medical responder.
- The following emergency department personnel: physicians, physicians assistants, nurses, and licensed practical nurses.
- A firefighter.

The felony classification increases for sentencing purposes to a Class H if the person commits an assault that inflicts serious bodily injury or uses a deadly weapon other than a firearm, and to a Class F if the person uses a firearm.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS for House Bill 560 would make it a felony to assault hospital personnel and licensed healthcare providers who are providing or attempting to provide services in a hospital.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act becomes effective December 1, 2015, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

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