



# HOUSE BILL 560: Assault Emergency Workers/Hospital Personnel

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**Committee:**

**Introduced by:**

**Analysis of:** S.L. 2015-97

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**SUMMARY:** *S.L. 2015-97 makes it a felony to assault hospital personnel and licensed healthcare providers who are providing or attempting to provide health care services to a patient in a hospital.*

*This act became effective December 1, 2015, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.*

**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 act makes it a felony to assault hospital personnel and licensed healthcare providers who are providing or attempting to provide health care services to a patient 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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