House Bill 2877

Sponsored by Representative CLEM (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Expands crime of assault in third degree to include, under certain circumstances, causing physical injury to person employed at state mental hospital.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to crime; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 163.165.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

- **SECTION 1.** ORS 163.165 is amended to read:
- 163.165. (1) A person commits the crime of assault in the third degree if the person:
- (a) Recklessly causes serious physical injury to another by means of a deadly or dangerous weapon;
 - (b) Recklessly causes serious physical injury to another under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life;
 - (c) Recklessly causes physical injury to another by means of a deadly or dangerous weapon under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life;
 - (d) Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes, by means other than a motor vehicle, physical injury to the operator of a public transit vehicle while the operator is in control of or operating the vehicle. As used in this paragraph, "public transit vehicle" has the meaning given that term in ORS 166.116;
 - (e) While being aided by another person actually present, intentionally or knowingly causes physical injury to another;
 - (f) While committed to a youth correction facility, intentionally or knowingly causes physical injury to another knowing the other person is a staff member of a youth correction facility while the other person is acting in the course of official duty;
 - (g) While committed to a state hospital after having been found guilty except for insanity of a crime, intentionally or knowingly causes physical injury to a person employed at the hospital knowing that the other person is acting in the course of official duty;
 - [(g)] (h) Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes physical injury to an emergency medical technician, as defined in ORS 682.025, or a paramedic while the emergency medical technician or paramedic is performing official duties;
 - [(h)] (i) Being at least 18 years of age, intentionally or knowingly causes physical injury to a child 10 years of age or younger; or
 - [(i)] (j) Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes, by means other than a motor vehicle, physical injury to the operator of a taxi while the operator is in control of the taxi.
 - (2)(a) Assault in the third degree is a Class C felony.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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- (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, assault in the third degree under subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this section is a Class B felony if:
 - (A) The assault resulted from the operation of a motor vehicle; and
- 4 (B) The defendant was the driver of the motor vehicle and was driving while under the influence of intoxicants.
 - (3) As used in this section:
 - (a) "Staff member" means:

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- (A) A corrections officer as defined in ORS 181.610, a youth correction officer, a Department of Corrections or Oregon Youth Authority staff member or a person employed pursuant to a contract with the department or youth authority to work with, or in the vicinity of, inmates or youth offenders; and
- (B) A volunteer authorized by the department, youth authority or other entity in charge of a corrections facility to work with, or in the vicinity of, inmates or youth offenders.
 - (b) "State hospital" has the meaning given that term in ORS 162.135.
 - [(b)] (c) "Youth correction facility" has the meaning given that term in ORS 162.135.
- SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 163.165 by section 1 of this 2011 Act apply to conduct occurring on or after the effective date of this 2011 Act.

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