



## PeaceHealth Supports SB 132 to Protect Hospital Workers

Hospital staff should have the same expectation of a safe workplace — a workplace free from intentional violence — that others who serve the public already have.

Ambulance drivers and EMTs, youth corrections staff, bus drivers and taxi drivers are all included under the law that makes it a felony for someone to *intentionally, knowingly or recklessly assault* them.

Senate Bill 132 simply adds hospital workers to this list.

Unfortunately, intentional violent acts against hospital workers still happen in spite of our best efforts and extensive staff training on how to defuse potentially volatile situations.

A key element of the bill for us, and for other health care providers as well, is that those with mental illness, Alzheimer's or dementia are not subject. With that important exemption, PeaceHealth encourages you to support Senate Bill 132.