

Senate Bill 132

Sponsored by Senators DEVLIN, WINTERS; Senators JOHNSON, KRUSE, MONNES ANDERSON (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Expands crime of assault in third degree to include physical injury to health care provider in hospital. Punishes by maximum of five years' imprisonment, \$125,000 fine, or both.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to assault of health care providers; amending ORS 163.165; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 163.165 is amended to read:

5 163.165. (1) A person commits the crime of assault in the third degree if the person:

6 (a) Recklessly causes serious physical injury to another by means of a deadly or dangerous
7 weapon;

8 (b) Recklessly causes serious physical injury to another under circumstances manifesting ex-
9 tremeness of indifference to the value of human life;

10 (c) Recklessly causes physical injury to another by means of a deadly or dangerous weapon un-
11 der circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life;

12 (d) Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes, by means other than a motor vehicle, physical
13 injury to the operator of a public transit vehicle while the operator is in control of or operating the
14 vehicle. As used in this paragraph, "public transit vehicle" has the meaning given that term in ORS
15 166.116;

16 (e) While being aided by another person actually present, intentionally or knowingly causes
17 physical injury to another;

18 (f) While committed to a youth correction facility, intentionally or knowingly causes physical
19 injury to another knowing the other person is a staff member while the other person is acting in the
20 course of official duty;

21 (g) Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes physical injury to an emergency medical ser-
22 vices provider, as defined in ORS 682.025, while the emergency medical services provider is per-
23 forming official duties;

24 **(h) Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes physical injury to a health care provider
25 in a hospital, while the health care provider is performing official duties;**

26 [*h*] (i) Being at least 18 years of age, intentionally or knowingly causes physical injury to a
27 child 10 years of age or younger; or

28 [*i*] (j) Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes, by means other than a motor vehicle,
29 physical injury to the operator of a taxi while the operator is in control of the taxi.

30 (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.

1 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, assault in the third degree under sub-
2 section (1)(a) or (b) of this section is a Class B felony if:

3 (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
5 of intoxicants.

6 (3) As used in this section:

7 (a) **“Health care provider” means a person licensed, certified or otherwise authorized or**
8 **permitted by the laws of this state to administer health care in the ordinary course of busi-**
9 **ness or practice of a profession.**

10 (b) **“Hospital” has the meaning given that term in ORS 442.015.**

11 [(a)] (c) “Staff member” means:

12 (A) A corrections officer as defined in ORS 181.610, a youth correction officer, a youth cor-
13 rection facility staff member, a Department of Corrections or Oregon Youth Authority staff member
14 or a person employed pursuant to a contract with the department or youth authority to work with,
15 or in the vicinity of, inmates, youth or youth offenders; and

16 (B) A volunteer authorized by the department, youth authority or other entity in charge of a
17 corrections facility to work with, or in the vicinity of, inmates, youth or youth offenders.

18 [(b)] (d) “Youth correction facility” has the meaning given that term in ORS 162.135.

19 **SECTION 2. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
20 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
21 **on its passage.**

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