

Senate Bill 168

Sponsored by Senator BOQUIST (at the request of Darin Campbell) (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Provides that crime of assault in the third degree includes causing physical injury to person acting within scope of employment as taxi operator.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to assaults on taxi operators; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 163.165.

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

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

4 163.165. (1) A person commits the crime of assault in the third degree if the person:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (h) Being at least 18 years of age, intentionally or knowingly causes physical injury to a child
24 10 years of age or younger; or

25 (i) Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes, by means other than a motor vehicle, physical
26 injury to the operator of a taxi while the operator is in control of the taxi **or is otherwise acting**
27 **within the scope of employment as the operator of a taxi.**

28 (2)(a) Assault in the third degree is a Class C felony.

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

4 (3) As used in this section:

5 (a) "Staff member" means:

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

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

12 (b) "Youth correction facility" has the meaning given that term in ORS 162.135.

13 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 163.165 by section 1 of this 2015 Act apply to con-**
14 **duct occurring on or after the effective date of this 2015 Act.**

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