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An Act To Increase Penalties for the Use of Violence against Firefighters

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 17-A MRS §752-C, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 470, §1, is amended to read:

2. As used in this section, "emergency medical care provider" includes hospital personnel assisting in an emergency and emergency medical services persons, defined in Title 32, section 83, subsection 12, but does not include a firefighter as defined in section 752-E, subsection 2.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRS §752-E is enacted to read:

§ 752-E. Assault on a firefighter

1. A person is guilty of assault on a firefighter if that person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes bodily injury to a firefighter while the firefighter is providing emergency services.

2. As used in this section, "firefighter" means a municipal firefighter or volunteer firefighter as defined in Title 30-A, section 3151, subsections 2 and 4, respectively. As used in this section, "provide emergency services" has the same meaning as in Title 30-A, section 3151, subsection 1-A.

3. Assault on a firefighter is a Class C crime.

SUMMARY

This bill establishes the Class C crime of assault on a firefighter and specifies that the current crime of assault on an emergency medical care provider does not apply to a firefighter.