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

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth and  
Representatives: HANINGTON of Lincoln, KINNEY of Limington, LONGSTAFF of  
Waterville, NADEAU of Winslow, TURNER of Burlington.

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

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

4 **2.** As used in this section, "emergency medical care provider" includes hospital  
5 personnel assisting in an emergency and emergency medical services persons, defined in  
6 Title 32, section 83, subsection 12, but does not include a firefighter as defined in section  
7 752-E, subsection 2.

8 **Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §752-E** is enacted to read:

9 **§752-E. Assault on a firefighter**

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

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

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

18 **SUMMARY**

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