

SENATE No. 1753

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act Relative to Assault and Battery on Health Care Providers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Jennifer L. Flanagan	Worcester and Middlesex
Michael O. Moore	Second Worcester
Frederick E. Berry	Second Essex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ASSAULT AND BATTERY ON HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

Whereas, The deferred operation for this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to make for the immediate safety of health care personnel, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience. , therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 265 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out in section 13I, as
2 appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—
3 Section 13I. Whoever commits an assault or assault and battery on an emergency medical technician, an ambulance
4 operator, registered nurse, registered nurse psychologist, physical therapist, occupational therapist, or an ambulance
5 attendant, while said technician, operator, registered nurse, registered nurse psychologist, physical therapist,
6 occupational therapist or attendant is treating or transporting, in the line of duty, a person, shall be punished by
7 imprisonment in the house of correction for not less than ninety days nor more than two and one half years, or by a
8 fine of not less than five hundred nor more than five thousand dollars, or both.