

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 10, 2025

Introduced by Sen. LANZA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to making conviction of assault of a social worker a felony

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 120.08 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 476
2 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:
3 § 120.08 Assault on a peace officer, police officer, firefighter [~~or~~],
4 emergency medical services professional or social worker.
5 A person is guilty of assault on a peace officer, police officer,
6 firefighter [~~or~~], emergency medical services professional or social
7 worker when, with intent to prevent a peace officer, police officer, a
8 firefighter, including a firefighter acting as a paramedic or emergency
9 medical technician administering first aid in the course of performance
10 of duty as such firefighter, [~~or~~] an emergency medical service paramedic
11 or emergency medical service technician[7] or social worker from
12 performing a lawful duty, [~~he or she~~] such person causes serious phys-
13 ical injury to such peace officer, police officer, firefighter, paramed-
14 ic [~~or~~], technician or social worker.
15 Assault on a peace officer, police officer, firefighter [~~or~~], emergen-
16 cy medical services professional or social worker is a class C felony.
17 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-
18 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [~~-~~] is old law to be omitted.

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