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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. GRIFFO -- 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 assaults on medical providers and employees and volunteers of hospitals

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 3 and 11 of section 120.05 of the penal law,
2 subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 267 of the laws of 2016 and subdivi-
3 sion 11 as amended by section 2 of part Z of chapter 55 of the laws of
4 2024, are amended to read as follows:

5 3. With intent to prevent a peace officer, a police officer, prosecu-
6 tor as defined in subdivision thirty-one of section 1.20 of the criminal
7 procedure law, [~~registered nurse, licensed practical nurse,~~ a physi-
8 cian, a physician assistant, a health care provider, a primary care
9 practitioner or primary care physician, a nurse or nursing professional
10 including a registered nurse, nurse practitioner, certified or licensed
11 nurse practitioner, a certified nursing assistant, or a licensed practi-
12 cal nurse, ambulance personnel, a director of a hospital or a medical
13 director, employee, attendant, agent or volunteer of a hospital as
14 defined in section twenty-eight hundred one of the public health law, a
15 public health sanitarian, New York city public health sanitarian, sani-
16 tation enforcement agent, New York city sanitation worker, a firefight-
17 er, including a firefighter acting as a paramedic or emergency medical
18 technician administering first aid in the course of performance of duty
19 as such firefighter, an emergency medical service paramedic or emergency
20 medical service technician, or medical or related personnel in a hospi-
21 tal emergency department, a city marshal, a school crossing guard
22 appointed pursuant to section two hundred eight-a of the general munici-
23 pal law, a traffic enforcement officer, traffic enforcement agent or
24 employee of any entity governed by the public service law in the course
25 of performing an essential service, from performing a lawful duty, by

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

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means including releasing or failing to control an animal under circumstances evincing the actor's intent that the animal obstruct the lawful activity of such peace officer, police officer, prosecutor as defined in subdivision thirty-one of section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law, ~~[registered nurse, licensed practical nurse,]~~ physician, physician assistant, health care provider, primary care practitioner or primary care physician, a nurse or nursing professional including a registered nurse, nurse practitioner, certified or licensed nurse practitioner, a certified nursing assistant, or a licensed practical nurse, ambulance personnel, a director of a hospital or a medical director, employee, attendant, agent or volunteer of a hospital as defined in section twenty-eight hundred one of the public health law, a public health sanitarian, New York city public health sanitarian, sanitation enforcement agent, New York city sanitation worker, firefighter, paramedic, technician, city marshal, school crossing guard appointed pursuant to section two hundred eight-a of the general municipal law, traffic enforcement officer, traffic enforcement agent or employee of an entity governed by the public service law, [he or she causes] they cause physical injury to such peace officer, police officer, prosecutor as defined in subdivision thirty-one of section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law, [registered nurse, licensed practical nurse,] physician, physician assistant, health care provider, primary care practitioner or primary care physician, a nurse or nursing professional including a registered nurse, nurse practitioner, certified or licensed nurse practitioner, a certified nursing assistant, or a licensed practical nurse, ambulance personnel, a director of a hospital or a medical director, employee, attendant, agent or volunteer of a hospital as defined in section twenty-eight hundred one of the public health law, a public health sanitarian, New York city public health sanitarian, sanitation enforcement agent, New York city sanitation worker, firefighter, paramedic, technician or medical or related personnel in a hospital emergency department, city marshal, school crossing guard, traffic enforcement officer, traffic enforcement agent or employee of an entity governed by the public service law; or

11. With intent to cause physical injury to a train operator, ticket inspector, conductor, signalperson, bus operator, station agent, station cleaner, terminal cleaner, station customer assistant, traffic checker; person whose official duties include the sale or collection of tickets, passes, vouchers, or other revenue payment media for use on a train, bus, or ferry the collection or handling of revenues therefrom; a person whose official duties include the maintenance, repair, inspection, troubleshooting, testing or cleaning of buses or ferries, a transit signal system, elevated or underground subway tracks, transit station structure, including fare equipment, escalators, elevators and other equipment necessary to passenger service, commuter rail tracks or stations, train yard, revenue train in passenger service, a ferry station, or a train or bus station or terminal; or a supervisor of such personnel, employed by any transit or commuter rail agency, authority or company, public or private, whose operation is authorized by New York state or any of its political subdivisions, a city marshal, a school crossing guard appointed pursuant to section two hundred eight-a of the general municipal law, a traffic enforcement officer, traffic enforcement agent, prosecutor as defined in subdivision thirty-one of section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law, sanitation enforcement agent, New York city sanitation worker, public health sanitarian, New York city public health sanitarian, ~~[registered nurse, licensed practical nurse]~~ physician, physician assistant, health care provider, primary care practitioner or

1 primary care physician, a nurse or nursing professional including a
2 registered nurse, nurse practitioner, certified or licensed nurse prac-
3 titioner, a certified nursing assistant, or a licensed practical nurse,
4 ambulance personnel, a director of a hospital or a medical director,
5 employee, attendant, agent or volunteer of a hospital as defined in
6 section twenty-eight hundred one of the public health law, emergency
7 medical service paramedic, or emergency medical service technician, [he
8 or she causes] they cause physical injury to such train operator, ticket
9 inspector, conductor, signalperson, bus operator, station agent, station
10 cleaner, terminal cleaner, station customer assistant, traffic checker;
11 person whose official duties include the sale or collection of tickets,
12 passes, vouchers or other revenue payment media for use on a train, bus,
13 or ferry or the collection or handling of revenues therefrom; a person
14 whose official duties include the maintenance, repair, inspection, trou-
15 bleshooting, testing or cleaning of buses or ferries, a transit signal
16 system, elevated or underground subway tracks, transit station struc-
17 ture, including fare equipment, escalators, elevators and other equip-
18 ment necessary to passenger service, commuter rail tracks or stations,
19 train yard, revenue train in passenger service, a ferry station, or a
20 train or bus station or terminal; or a supervisor of such personnel,
21 city marshal, school crossing guard appointed pursuant to section two
22 hundred eight-a of the general municipal law, traffic enforcement offi-
23 cer, traffic enforcement agent, prosecutor as defined in subdivision
24 thirty-one of section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law, [registered
25 nurse, licensed practical nurse] physician, physician assistant, health
26 care provider, primary care practitioner or primary care physician, a
27 nurse or nursing professional including a registered nurse, nurse prac-
28 titioner, certified or licensed nurse practitioner, a certified nursing
29 assistant, or a licensed practical nurse, ambulance personnel, a direc-
30 tor of a hospital or a medical director, employee, attendant, agent or
31 volunteer of a hospital as defined in section twenty-eight hundred one
32 of the public health law, public health sanitarian, New York city public
33 health sanitarian, sanitation enforcement agent, New York city sanita-
34 tion worker, emergency medical service paramedic, or emergency medical
35 service technician, while such employee is performing an assigned duty
36 on, or directly related to, the operation of a train or bus, cleaning of
37 a train or bus station or terminal, assisting customers, checking traf-
38 fic, the sale or collection of tickets, passes, vouchers, or other
39 revenue media for use on a train, bus, or ferry or maintenance or clean-
40 ing of a train, a bus, a ferry, or bus station or terminal, signal
41 system, elevated or underground subway tracks, transit station struc-
42 ture, including fare equipment, escalators, elevators and other equip-
43 ment necessary to passenger service, commuter rail tracks or stations,
44 train yard or revenue train in passenger service, a ferry station, or
45 such city marshal, school crossing guard, traffic enforcement officer,
46 traffic enforcement agent, prosecutor as defined in subdivision thirty-
47 one of section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law, [registered nurse,
48 licensed practical nurse] physician, physician assistant, health care
49 provider, primary care practitioner or primary care physician, a nurse
50 or nursing professional including a registered nurse, nurse practition-
51 er, certified or licensed nurse practitioner, a certified nursing
52 assistant, or a licensed practical nurse, ambulance personnel, a direc-
53 tor of a hospital or a medical director, employee, attendant, agent or
54 volunteer of a hospital as defined in section twenty-eight hundred one
55 of the public health law, public health sanitarian, New York city public
56 health sanitarian, sanitation enforcement agent, New York city sanita-

1 tion worker, emergency medical service paramedic, or emergency medical
2 service technician is performing an assigned duty; or
3 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
4 have become a law.