

State of Wisconsin



1995 Assembly Bill 83

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1995 WISCONSIN ACT 145

AN ACT *to create* 940.20 (7) of the statutes; **relating to:** battery to an emergency department worker, emergency medical technician, first responder or ambulance driver and providing penalties.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 940.20 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

940.20 (7) (a) In this subsection:

1e. "Ambulance" has the meaning given in s. 146.50 (1) (a).

1g. "Emergency department" means a room or area in a hospital, as defined in s. 50.33 (2), that is primarily used to provide emergency care, diagnosis or radiological treatment.

2. "Emergency department worker" means any of the following:

a. An employe of a hospital who works in an emergency department.

b. A health care provider, whether or not employed by a hospital, who works in an emergency department.

2g. "Emergency medical technician" has the meaning given in s. 146.50 (1) (e).

2m. "First responder" has the meaning given in s. 146.53 (1) (d).

3. "Health care provider" means any person who is licensed, registered, permitted or certified by the department of health and social services or the department of regulation and licensing to provide health care services in this state.

(b) Whoever intentionally causes bodily harm to an emergency department worker, an emergency medical technician, a first responder or an ambulance driver who is acting in an official capacity and who the person knows or has reason to know is an emergency department worker, an emergency medical technician, a first responder or an ambulance driver, by an act done without the consent of the person so injured, is guilty of a Class D felony.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 1993-94: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].