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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2019 Senate Bill 163

**Senate Substitute
Amendment 1**

2019 SENATE BILL 163

2019 Senate Bill 163 provides felony penalties for intentionally causing bodily harm to a nurse or to an individual acting under the supervision of a nurse. Under the bill, a person is guilty of a Class H felony if all of the following apply:

- The person intentionally causes bodily harm to a nurse, or to an individual acting under the supervision of a nurse.
- The nurse, or person acting under the nurse's supervision, is acting in his or her professional capacity.
- The person knows or has reason to know that the victim is a nurse or an individual acting under the supervision of a nurse.

SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 163 contains the provisions providing felony penalties for intentionally causing bodily harm to a nurse or to an individual acting under the supervision of a nurse under the circumstances described above. In addition, the substitute amendment expands the scope of a provision that provides enhanced penalties for intentionally causing bodily harm to an emergency department worker under current law, to also include intentionally causing bodily harm to a health care provider who works in a hospital.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Kooyenga offered Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to 2019 Senate Bill 163 on October 17, 2019.¹ On November 5, 2019, the Senate adopted Senate Substitute Amendment 1 and passed the bill, as amended, both on voice votes.

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¹ On September 25, 2019, the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety voted to recommend adoption of Senate Amendment 1, which was offered by Senator Jacque, on September 18, 2019, and passage of Senate Bill 163, as amended by Senate Amendment 1. For a description of Senate Amendment 1, please contact the Legislative Council staff offices.