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An Act To Provide a Felony Penalty for Assault on a Firefighter

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §752-E is enacted to read:

§ 752-E. Assault on a firefighter

1. A person is guilty of assault on a firefighter if the person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes bodily injury to a firefighter while the firefighter is in the performance of the firefighter's official duties.

2. As used in this section, "firefighter" means a municipal firefighter as defined in Title 30-A, section 3151, subsection 2 or a volunteer firefighter as defined in Title 30-A, section 3151, subsection 4.

3. Assault on a firefighter is a Class C crime.

SUMMARY

Current law makes assault on a police officer or emergency medical services person a Class C crime. This bill extends the same penalty to assault on a firefighter while the firefighter is engaged in the firefighter's official duties.