



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5103

LCO No. 4438

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR ASSAULT OF CIVILIAN
DETENTION OFFICERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 53a-167c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) A person is guilty of assault of public safety or emergency
4 medical personnel when, with intent to prevent a reasonably
5 identifiable peace officer, fireman or employee of an emergency
6 medical service organization, as defined in section 53a-3, emergency
7 room physician or nurse, employee of the Department of Correction,
8 employee or member of the Board of Parole, probation officer,
9 employee of the judicial branch assigned to provide pretrial secure
10 detention and programming services to juveniles accused of the
11 commission of a delinquent act, [or] employee of the Department of
12 Children and Families assigned to provide direct services to children
13 and youth in the care or custody of the department, or employee of a
14 municipal police department assigned to provide security at the police
15 department's lockup and holding facility from performing his or her
16 duties, and while such peace officer, fireman, employee, physician,

17 nurse, member or probation officer is acting in the performance of his
18 or her duties, (1) such person causes physical injury to such peace
19 officer, fireman, employee, physician, nurse, member or probation
20 officer, or (2) such person throws or hurls, or causes to be thrown or
21 hurled, any rock, bottle, can or other article, object or missile of any
22 kind capable of causing physical harm, damage or injury, at such peace
23 officer, fireman, employee, physician, nurse, member or probation
24 officer, or (3) such person uses or causes to be used any mace, tear gas
25 or any like or similar deleterious agent against such peace officer,
26 fireman, employee, physician, nurse, member or probation officer, or
27 (4) such person throws or hurls, or causes to be thrown or hurled, any
28 paint, dye or other like or similar staining, discoloring or coloring
29 agent or any type of offensive or noxious liquid, agent or substance at
30 such peace officer, fireman, employee, physician, nurse, member or
31 probation officer, or (5) such person throws or hurls, or causes to be
32 thrown or hurled, any bodily fluid including, but not limited to, urine,
33 feces, blood or saliva at such peace officer, fireman, employee,
34 physician, nurse, member or probation officer.

35 (b) Assault of public safety or emergency medical personnel is a
36 class C felony. If any person who is confined in an institution or facility
37 of the Department of Correction is sentenced to a term of
38 imprisonment for assault of an employee of the Department of
39 Correction under this section, such term shall run consecutively to the
40 term for which the person was serving at the time of the assault.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide enhanced penalties for persons who assault employees of local police departments providing security in the police department's lockup and holding facility.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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