

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1696**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act relative to assault and battery on health care providers..

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 265 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out in Section 13I, as  
2 appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—  
3 Section 13I. Whoever commits an assault or assault and battery on an emergency medical  
4 technician, an ambulance operator, registered nurse, registered nurse psychologist, physical  
5 therapist, occupational therapist, or an ambulance attendant, while said technician, operator,  
6 registered nurse, registered nurse psychologist, physical therapist, occupational therapist or  
7 attendant is treating or transporting, in the line of duty, a person, shall be punished by  
8 imprisonment in the house of correction for not less than ninety days nor more than two and one  
9 half years, or by a fine of not less than five hundred nor more than five thousand dollars, or both.