

HOUSE No. 1696

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Rodrigues

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:
An Act relative to assault and battery on health care providers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Michael J. Rodrigues	8th Bristol
Mary E. Grant	6th Essex
Sarah K. Peake	4th Barnstable

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1700 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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:

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