

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1022

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HILL.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 574, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to health care service offenses, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 574, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 574.203 and 574.204, to read as follows:

- 574.203. 1. Except as otherwise protected by state or federal law, a person commits the offense of interference with a health care facility if the person acts alone or in concert with others to willfully or recklessly interfere with access to or from a health care facility or willfully or recklessly disrupt the normal functioning of such facility by:**
- (1) Physically obstructing or impeding the free passage of a person seeking to enter or depart from the facility or from the common areas of the real property upon which the facility is located;**
 - (2) Making noise that unreasonably disturbs the peace within the facility;**
 - (3) Trespassing on the facility or the common areas of the real property upon which the facility is located;**
 - (4) Telephoning the facility repeatedly or knowingly permitting any telephone under his or her control to be used for such purpose; or**
 - (5) Threatening to inflict injury on the owners, agents, patients, employees, or property of the facility or knowingly permitting any telephone under his or her control to be used for such purpose.**
- 2. The offense of interference with a health care facility is a class D misdemeanor for a first offense and a class C misdemeanor for any second or subsequent offense.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **3. As used in this section, "health care facility" means a facility that provides health**
19 **care services directly to patients including, but not limited to, a hospital, clinic, health care**
20 **provider's office, health maintenance organization, diagnostic or treatment center,**
21 **neuropsychiatric or mental health facility, hospice, or nursing home.**

574.204. 1. Except as otherwise protected by state or federal law, a person commits
2 **the offense of interference with an ambulance service if the person acts alone or in concert**
3 **with others to willfully or recklessly interfere with access to or from an ambulance or**
4 **willfully or recklessly disrupt any ambulance service by threatening to inflict injury on any**
5 **person providing ambulance services or damage the ambulance.**

6 **2. The offense of interference with an ambulance service is a class D misdemeanor**
7 **for a first offense and a class C misdemeanor for any second or subsequent offense.**

8 **3. As used in this section, "ambulance service" means a person or entity that**
9 **provides emergency or nonemergency ambulance transportation and services, or both.**

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