

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1213

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS.

2314H.011

JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 197, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to assaults on health care professionals.

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

Section A. Chapter 197, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 197.708, to read as follows:

197.708. 1. As used in this section, the term "health care facility" means any facility as defined in section 376.1350, including any hospital as defined in section 197.020.

2. Each health care facility shall display in a prominent place within the health care facility a printed sign with the following text in all capital letters: "WARNING: ASSAULTING A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL WHO IS ENGAGED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER OFFICIAL DUTIES, INCLUDING STRIKING A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL WITH ANY BODILY FLUID, IS A SERIOUS CRIME THAT MAY BE PUNISHABLE AS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR."

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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.