

**CRIMES AGAINST HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN  
CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM**

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Brad M. Daw**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies the Utah Criminal Code regarding propelling a substance or object at a health care provider.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

~~§→ [→ defines a health care provider;~~

~~→ includes] provides that employees, volunteers, and ←§~~ health care providers ~~§→ [as]~~

~~are ←§~~ victims in the statutory section that currently

defines the offense of propelling a substance or object, including a bodily fluid, at a peace officer or correctional officer; and

▶ applies the same penalties as currently apply to the offense when committed against a peace officer or correctional officer.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

~~Ĥ→ [None] This bill provides a special effective date. ←Ĥ~~

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**53-10-403**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 331

**76-5-102.6**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 306

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- 59 (v) a felony violation of enticing a minor over the Internet, Section 76-4-401;
- 60 (vi) a felony violation of propelling a substance or object at a correctional [or] officer,  
 61 a peace officer, or ~~§~~ **→ [a health care provider] an employee or a volunteer, including health care**  
 61a **providers ←§** . Section 76-5-102.6;
- 62 (vii) aggravated human trafficking and aggravated human smuggling, Section  
 63 76-5-310;
- 64 (viii) a felony violation of unlawful sexual activity with a minor, Section 76-5-401;
- 65 (ix) a felony violation of sexual abuse of a minor, Section 76-5-401.1;
- 66 (x) unlawful sexual contact with a 16 or 17-year old, Section 76-5-401.2;
- 67 (xi) sale of a child, Section 76-7-203;
- 68 (xii) aggravated escape, Subsection 76-8-309(2);
- 69 (xiii) a felony violation of assault on an elected official, Section 76-8-315;
- 70 (xiv) influencing, impeding, or retaliating against a judge or member of the Board of  
 71 Pardons and Parole, Section 76-8-316;
- 72 (xv) advocating criminal syndicalism or sabotage, Section 76-8-902;
- 73 (xvi) assembly for advocating criminal syndicalism or sabotage, Section 76-8-903;
- 74 (xvii) a felony violation of sexual battery, Section 76-9-702.1;
- 75 (xviii) a felony violation of lewdness involving a child, Section 76-9-702.5;
- 76 (xix) a felony violation of abuse or desecration of a dead human body, Section  
 77 76-9-704;
- 78 (xx) manufacture, possession, sale, or use of a weapon of mass destruction, Section  
 79 76-10-402;
- 80 (xxi) manufacture, possession, sale, or use of a hoax weapon of mass destruction,  
 81 Section 76-10-403;
- 82 (xxii) possession of a concealed firearm in the commission of a violent felony,  
 83 Subsection 76-10-504(4);
- 84 (xxiii) assault with the intent to commit bus hijacking with a dangerous weapon,  
 85 Subsection 76-10-1504(3);
- 86 (xxiv) commercial obstruction, Subsection 76-10-2402(2);
- 87 (xxv) a felony violation of failure to register as a sex or kidnap offender, Section  
 88 77-41-107;
- 89 (xxvi) repeat violation of a protective order, Subsection 77-36-1.1(2)(c); or

90 (xxvii) violation of condition for release after arrest for domestic violence, Section  
91 77-36-2.5.

92 (3) A minor under Subsection (1) is a minor 14 years of age or older whom a Utah  
93 court has adjudicated to be within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court due to the commission  
94 of any offense described in Subsection (2), and who is:

95 (a) within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court on or after July 1, 2002 for an offense  
96 under Subsection (2); or

97 (b) in the legal custody of the Division of Juvenile Justice Services on or after July 1,  
98 2002 for an offense under Subsection (2).

99 Section 2. Section 76-5-102.6 is amended to read:

100 **76-5-102.6. Propelling substance or object at a correctional or peace officer --**  
101 **Penalties.**

102 **~~§~~ → [(1) As used in this section, "health care provider" means the same as that term is**  
103 **~~defined in Section 78B-3-403, but does not include an athletic trainer.~~**

104 ~~—~~ [f] (1) ~~[(2)]~~ ←~~§~~ Any prisoner or person detained pursuant to Section 77-7-15 who throws  
104a or  
105 otherwise propels any substance or object at a peace [or] officer, a correctional officer, or ~~§~~ → [a  
106 ~~health care provider~~] **an employee or volunteer, including a health care provider** ←~~§~~ , is guilty  
106a of a class A misdemeanor, except as provided under Subsection  
107 (2).

108 ~~§~~ → [f] (2) ~~[(3)]~~ ←~~§~~ A violation of Subsection ~~§~~ → [f] (1) ~~[(2)]~~ ←~~§~~ is a third degree  
108a felony if:

109 (a) the object or substance is:

110 (i) blood, urine, or fecal material;

111 (ii) an infectious agent as defined in Section 26-6-2 or a material that carries an  
112 infectious agent;

113 (iii) vomit or a material that carries vomit; or

114 (iv) the prisoner's or detained person's saliva, and the prisoner or detained person  
115 knows he or she is infected with HIV, hepatitis B, or hepatitis C; and

116 (b) the object or substance comes into contact with any portion of the officer's or health  
117 care provider's face, including the eyes or mouth, or comes into contact with any open wound  
118 on the officer's or health care provider's body.

119 ~~§~~ → [f] (3) ~~[(4)]~~ ←~~§~~ If an offense committed under this section amounts to an offense  
119a subject to a

120 greater penalty under another provision of state law than under this section, this section does

121 not prohibit prosecution and sentencing for the more serious offense.

122 Section 3. Section 76-5-102.7 is amended to read:

123 **76-5-102.7. Assault against health care provider and emergency medical service**  
124 **worker -- Penalty.**

125 (1) A person who assaults a health care provider or emergency medical service worker  
126 is guilty of a class A misdemeanor if:

127 (a) the person is not a prisoner or a person detained under Section 77-7-15;

128 [~~(a)~~] (b) the person knew that the victim was a health care provider or emergency  
129 medical service worker; and

130 [~~(b)~~] (c) the health care provider or emergency medical service worker was performing  
131 emergency or life saving duties within the scope of his or her authority at the time of the  
132 assault.

133 (2) As used in this section:

134 (a) "Emergency medical service worker" means a person certified under Section  
135 26-8a-302.

136 (b) "Health care provider" [~~has the meaning as provided~~] means the same as that term  
137 is defined in Section 78B-3-403.

137a **H→ Section 4. Effective date.**

137b **If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect upon**  
137c **approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah**

137d **Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,**  
137e **the date of veto override, except that the amendments to Sections 34A-2-102, 34A-2-104, and**  
137f **34A-2-111 in this bill take effect on January 1, 2016. ←H**

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