

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26287

The purpose of this legislation is to keep intact the felony charge availability for those who deliberately assault medical personnel, while creating a safety valve for a mentally ill patient from being charged with a felony if the commission of the battery is the direct and proximate result of his mental illness. A misdemeanor charge of battery is still available in the latter instance.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no anticipated cost to the general fund or state funds. The resulting bill is simply a change to the way a mentally ill person can be criminally charged and does not require any additional processes or costs.

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