

# HOUSE BILL No. 1016

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 35-31.5-2; IC 35-42-2-1.

**Synopsis:** Battery on a utility worker. Provides that battery is a Level 6 felony, instead of a Class B misdemeanor, if the offense is committed against a utility worker who is acting in the ordinary course of the utility worker's employment. Provides that battery is a Level 5 felony, instead of a Class B misdemeanor, if the offense results in bodily injury to a utility worker who is acting in the ordinary course of the utility worker's employment. Provides that battery committed: (1) by placing bodily fluid or waste on another person; and (2) with knowledge, or reckless failure to know, that the bodily fluid or waste is infected with hepatitis, tuberculosis, or human immunodeficiency virus; is a Level 5 felony, instead of a Level 6 felony, if the offense is committed against a utility worker.

**Effective:** July 1, 2019.

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January 3, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.

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First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2018 Regular and Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 35-31.5-2-260.2, AS ADDED BY P.L.238-2015,  
2 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 260.2. "Public safety official", for purposes of  
4 IC 35-42-2-1, has the meaning set forth in ~~IC 35-42-2-1~~.  
5 **IC 35-42-2-1(a)(1).**

6 SECTION 2. IC 35-31.5-2-344.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
7 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 344.5. "Utility worker", for  
9 purposes of IC 35-42-2-1, has the meaning set forth in  
10 **IC 35-42-2-1(a)(2).**

11 SECTION 3. IC 35-42-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.80-2018,  
12 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
13 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 1. (a) **As used in The following definitions apply**  
14 **throughout** this section:

15 (1) "Public safety official" means:  
16 (A) a law enforcement officer, including an alcoholic  
17 beverage enforcement officer;



- (2) (B) an employee of a penal facility or a juvenile detention facility (as defined in IC 31-9-2-71);
- (3) (C) an employee of the department of correction;
- (4) (D) a probation officer;
- (5) (E) a parole officer;
- (6) (F) a community corrections worker;
- (7) (G) a home detention officer;
- (8) (H) a department of child services employee;
- (9) (I) a firefighter;
- (10) (J) an emergency medical services provider;
- (11) (K) a judicial officer;
- (12) (L) a bailiff of any court; or
- (13) (M) a special deputy (as described in IC 36-8-10-10.6).

14 (2) "Utility worker" means an individual employed by:  
15 (A) a public utility (as defined in IC 8-1-2-1(a));  
16 (B) a municipally owned utility (as defined in  
17 IC 8-1-2-1(h));  
18 (C) a cable or satellite television company;  
19 (D) a telecommunications carrier;  
20 (E) an electric cooperative;  
21 (F) a telephone cooperative; or  
22 (G) a nonprofit utility.

25 (1) a spouse;  
26 (2) a parent or stepparent;  
27 (3) a child or stepchild;  
28 (4) a grandchild or stepgrandchild;  
29 (5) a grandparent or stepgrandparent;  
30 (6) a brother, sister, stepbrother, or stepsister;  
31 (7) a niece or nephew;  
32 (8) an aunt or uncle;  
33 (9) a daughter-in-law or son-in-law;  
34 (10) a mother-in-law or father-in-law; or  
35 (11) a first cousin.

36 (c) Except as provided in subsections (d) through (k), a person who  
37 knowingly or intentionally:



3 (1) results in bodily injury to any other person; or

(2) is committed against a member of a foster family home (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-139.3) by a person who is not a resident of the foster family home if the person who committed the offense is a relative of a person who lived in the foster family home at the time of the offense.

18 (4) The offense is committed against a person of any age who has  
19 a mental or physical disability and is committed by a person  
20 having the care of the person with the mental or physical  
21 disability, whether the care is assumed voluntarily or because of  
22 a legal obligation.

25 (6) The offense:

26 (A) is committed against a member of a foster family home (as  
27 defined in IC 35-31.5-2-139.3) by a person who is not a  
28 resident of the foster family home if the person who committed  
29 the offense is a relative of a person who lived in the foster  
30 family home at the time of the offense; and

31 (B) results in bodily injury to the member of the foster family.  
32 **(7) The offense is committed against a utility worker while the**  
33 **utility worker is acting in the ordinary course of the utility**  
34 **worker's employment.**

(f) The offense described in subsection (c)(2) is a Level 6 felony if the person knew or recklessly failed to know that the bodily fluid or waste placed on another person was infected with hepatitis, tuberculosis, or human immunodeficiency virus.

39 (g) The offense described in subsection (c)(1) or (c)(2) is a Level 5  
40 felony if one (1) or more of the following apply:



(3) The offense results in bodily injury to a pregnant woman if the person knew of the pregnancy.

(4) The person has a previous conviction for a battery offense:

- (A) included in this chapter against the same victim; or
- (B) against the same victim in any other jurisdiction, including a military court, in which the elements of the crime for which the conviction was entered are substantially similar to the elements of a battery offense included in this chapter.

(5) The offense results in bodily injury to one (1) or more of the following:

- (A) A public safety official while the official is engaged in the official's official duties.
- (B) A person less than fourteen (14) years of age if the offense is committed by a person at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- (C) A person who has a mental or physical disability if the offense is committed by an individual having care of the person with the disability, regardless of whether the care is assumed voluntarily or because of a legal obligation.
- (D) An endangered adult (as defined in IC 12-10-3-2).

**(E) A utility worker while the utility worker is acting in the ordinary course of the utility worker's employment.**

(h) The offense described in subsection (c)(2) is a Level 5 felony if:

- (1) the person knew or recklessly failed to know that the bodily fluid or waste placed on another person was infected with hepatitis, tuberculosis, or human immunodeficiency virus; and
- (2) the person placed the bodily fluid or waste on a public safety official **or a utility worker**.

(i) The offense described in subsection (c)(1) or (c)(2) is a Level 4 felony if it results in serious bodily injury to an endangered adult (as defined in IC 12-10-3-2).

(j) The offense described in subsection (c)(1) or (c)(2) is a Level 3 felony if it results in serious bodily injury to a person less than fourteen (14) years of age if the offense is committed by a person at least eighteen (18) years of age.

(k) The offense described in subsection (c)(1) or (c)(2) is a Level 2 felony if it results in the death of one (1) or more of the following:

- (1) A person less than fourteen (14) years of age if the offense is committed by a person at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- (2) An endangered adult (as defined in IC 12-10-3-2).

