

Senate, No. 2383

[Senate, April 13, 2010 – Substituted by amendment by the Senate (Ways and Means) for Senate, No. 1753.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



IN THE YEAR OF TWO THOUSAND AND TEN

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ASSAULT AND BATTERY ON HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for the immediate safety of health care personnel, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,

And by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 265 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 13I, as
2 appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

3 Section 13I. Whoever commits an assault or an assault and battery on an emergency
4 medical technician, an ambulance operator, an ambulance attendant or a health care provider as
5 defined in section 1 of chapter 111, while the technician, operator, attendant or provider is
6 treating or transporting a person in the line of duty, shall be punished by imprisonment in the

- 7 house of correction for not less than 90 days nor more than 2 1/2 years or by a fine of not less
- 8 than \$500 nor more than \$5,000, or both.