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AN ACT

To amend chapter 565, RSMo, by adding thereto three new sections relating to the creation of the crime of assaulting an employee of a mass transit system while in the scope of his or her duties, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Chapter 565, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto three new sections, to be known as sections 565.076, 565.077, and 565.078, to read as follows:

565.076. 1. A person commits the crime of assault of an employee of a mass transit system while in the scope of his or her duties in the first degree if such person attempts to kill or knowingly causes or attempts to cause serious physical injury to an employee of a mass transit system while in the scope of his or her duties.

2. As used in this section, "mass transit system", includes employees of public bus and light rail companies.

3. Assault of an employee of a mass transit system in the first degree is a class B felony.

565.077. 1. A person commits the crime of assault of an employee of a mass transit system while in the scope of his or her duties in the second degree if such person:

(1) Knowingly causes or attempts to cause physical injury to an employee of a mass transit system while in the scope of his or her duties by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument;

(2) Knowingly causes or attempts to cause physical injury to an employee of a mass transit system while in the scope of his or her duties by means other than a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument;

(3) Recklessly causes serious physical injury to an employee of

11 a mass transit system while in the scope of his or her duties;

12 (4) While in an intoxicated condition or under the influence of
13 controlled substances or drugs, operates a motor vehicle in this state
14 and when so operating, acts with criminal negligence to cause physical
15 injury to an employee of a mass transit system while in the scope of his
16 or her duties;

17 (5) Acts with criminal negligence to cause physical injury to an
18 employee of a mass transit system while in the scope of his or her
19 duties by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument;

20 (6) Purposely or recklessly places an employee of a mass transit
21 system while in the scope of his or her duties in apprehension of
22 immediate serious physical injury; or

23 (7) Acts with criminal negligence to create a substantial risk of
24 death or serious physical injury to an employee of a mass transit
25 system while in the scope of his or her duties.

26 2. As used in this section, "mass transit system", includes
27 employees of public bus and light rail companies.

28 3. Assault of an employee of a mass transit system while in the
29 scope of his or her duties in the second degree is a class C felony unless
30 committed under subdivision (2), (5), (6), or (7) of subsection 1 of this
31 section in which case it is a class B felony.

565.078. 1. A person commits the crime of assault of an employee
2 of a mass transit system while in the scope of his or her duties in the
3 third degree if:

4 (1) Such person recklessly causes physical injury to an employee
5 of a mass transit system while in the scope of his or her duties;

6 (2) Such person purposely places an employee of a mass transit
7 system while in the scope of his or her duties in apprehension of
8 immediate physical injury;

9 (3) Such person knowingly causes or attempts to cause physical
10 contact with an employee of a mass transit system while in the scope
11 of his or her duties without the consent of the employee of the mass
12 transit system.

13 2. As used in this section, "mass transit system", includes
14 employees of public bus and light rail companies.

15 3. Assault of an employee of a mass transit system while in the
16 scope of his or her duties in the third degree is a class B misdemeanor.