ENTITLED, An Act to increase the penalty for certain assaults committed against firefighters, ambulance service, or health care facility personnel while engaged in the performance of their duties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That § 22-18-1.05 be amended to read:

22-18-1.05. Simple assault, as provided in § 22-18-1, if committed against a law enforcement officer, firefighter, ambulance service personnel, Department of Corrections employee or person under contract assigned to the Department of Corrections, or other public officer, which assault occurred while the officer or employee was engaged in the performance of the officer's or employee's duties, is a Class 6 felony.

Aggravated assault, as provided in § 22-18-1.1, if committed against a law enforcement officer, firefighter, ambulance service personnel, Department of Corrections employee or person under contract assigned to the Department of Corrections, or other public officer, which assault occurred while the officer or employee was engaged in the performance of the officer's or employee's duties, is a Class 2 felony.

The penalties in this section also apply to a simple assault or aggravated assault if committed against any health care facility personnel while the personnel was engaging in patient care.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the

HOUSE as Bill No. 1293

Chief Clerk

Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

Received at this Executive Office this _____ day of _____ ,

20 at M.

By_____ for the Governor ------

The attached Act is hereby approved this _____ day of _____, A.D., 20____

Governor

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, Office of the Secretary of State

Filed _____, 20____ at _____ o'clock __ M.

Secretary of State

By_____ Asst. Secretary of State

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