

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# SENATE BILL NO. 791

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR HENDERSON.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

## AN ACT

To amend chapter 197, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to protections from assaults on health care professionals.

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

Section A. Chapter 197, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto  
2 one new section, to be known as section 197.708, to read as  
3 follows:

197.708. 1. As used in this section, the term "health  
2 care facility" means any facility as defined in section  
3 376.1350, including any hospital as defined in section  
4 197.020.

5 2. Each health care facility shall display in a  
6 prominent place within the health care facility a printed  
7 sign with the following text in all capital letters:  
8 "WARNING: ASSAULTING A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL WHO IS  
9 ENGAGED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER OFFICIAL DUTIES,  
10 INCLUDING STRIKING A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL WITH ANY  
11 BODILY FLUID, IS A SERIOUS CRIME THAT MAY BE PUNISHABLE AS A  
12 CLASS A MISDEMEANOR."

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