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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 13-1204, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO ASSAULT.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 13-1204, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 13-1204. Aggravated assault; classification; definition
5 A. A person commits aggravated assault if the person commits assault
6 as prescribed by section 13-1203 under any of the following circumstances:
7 1. If the person causes serious physical injury to another.
8 2. If the person uses a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument.
9 3. If the person commits the assault by any means of force that causes
10 temporary but substantial disfigurement, temporary but substantial loss or
11 impairment of any body organ or part or a fracture of any body part.
12 4. If the person commits the assault while the victim is bound or
13 otherwise physically restrained or while the victim's capacity to resist is
14 substantially impaired.
15 5. If the person commits the assault after entering the private home
16 of another with the intent to commit the assault.
17 6. If the person is eighteen years of age or older and commits the
18 assault on a child who is fifteen years of age or under.
19 7. If the person commits assault as prescribed by section 13-1203,
20 subsection A, paragraph 1 or 3 and the person is in violation of an order of
21 protection issued against the person pursuant to section 13-3602 or 13-3624.
22 8. If the person commits the assault knowing or having reason to know
23 that the victim is any of the following:
24 (a) A peace officer, or a person summoned and directed by the officer
25 while engaged in the execution of any official duties.
26 (b) A firefighter, fire investigator, fire inspector, emergency
27 medical technician or paramedic engaged in the execution of any official
28 duties, or a person summoned and directed by such individual while engaged in
29 the execution of any official duties.
30 (c) A teacher or other person employed by any school and the teacher
31 or other employee is on the grounds of a school or grounds adjacent to the
32 school or is in any part of a building or vehicle used for school purposes,
33 any teacher or school nurse visiting a private home in the course of the
34 teacher's or nurse's professional duties or any teacher engaged in any
35 authorized and organized classroom activity held on other than school
36 grounds.
37 (d) A ~~licensed~~ health care practitioner who is certified or licensed
38 pursuant to title 32, chapter 13, 15, 17 or 25, or a person summoned and
39 directed by the licensed health care practitioner while engaged in the
40 person's professional duties. This subdivision does not apply if the person
41 who commits the assault is seriously mentally ill, as defined in section
42 36-550, or is afflicted with alzheimer's disease or related dementia.
43 (e) A prosecutor.
44 9. If the person knowingly takes or attempts to exercise control over
45 any of the following:

1 (a) A peace officer's or other officer's firearm and the person knows
2 or has reason to know that the victim is a peace officer or other officer
3 employed by one of the agencies listed in paragraph 10, subdivision (a), item
4 (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) or (v) of this subsection and is engaged in the
5 execution of any official duties.

6 (b) Any weapon other than a firearm that is being used by a peace
7 officer or other officer or that the officer is attempting to use, and the
8 person knows or has reason to know that the victim is a peace officer or
9 other officer employed by one of the agencies listed in paragraph 10,
10 subdivision (a), item (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) or (v) of this subsection and is
11 engaged in the execution of any official duties.

12 (c) Any implement that is being used by a peace officer or other
13 officer or that the officer is attempting to use, and the person knows or has
14 reason to know that the victim is a peace officer or other officer employed
15 by one of the agencies listed in paragraph 10, subdivision (a), item (i),
16 (ii), (iii), (iv) or (v) of this subsection and is engaged in the execution
17 of any official duties. For the purposes of this ~~paragraph~~ SUBDIVISION,
18 "implement" means an object that is designed for or that is capable of
19 restraining or injuring an individual. Implement does not include handcuffs.

20 10. If the person meets both of the following conditions:

21 (a) Is imprisoned or otherwise subject to the custody of any of the
22 following:

23 (i) The state department of corrections.

24 (ii) The department of juvenile corrections.

25 (iii) A law enforcement agency.

26 (iv) A county or city jail or an adult or juvenile detention facility
27 of a city or county.

28 (v) Any other entity that is contracting with the state department of
29 corrections, the department of juvenile corrections, a law enforcement
30 agency, another state, any private correctional facility, a county, a city or
31 the federal bureau of prisons or other federal agency that has responsibility
32 for sentenced or unsentenced prisoners.

33 (b) Commits an assault knowing or having reason to know that the
34 victim is acting in an official capacity as an employee of any of the
35 entities listed in subdivision (a) of this paragraph.

36 B. Except pursuant to subsections C and D of this section, aggravated
37 assault pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 1 or 2 or paragraph 9,
38 subdivision (a) of this section is a class 3 felony except if the victim is
39 under fifteen years of age in which case it is a class 2 felony punishable
40 pursuant to section 13-604.01. Aggravated assault pursuant to subsection A,
41 paragraph 3 of this section is a class 4 felony. Aggravated assault pursuant
42 to subsection A, PARAGRAPH 8, SUBDIVISION (a), paragraph 9, subdivision (b)
43 or paragraph 10 of this section is a class 5 felony. Aggravated assault
44 pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 4, 5, ~~6,~~ OR 7, ~~or~~ PARAGRAPH 8,

1 SUBDIVISION (b), (c), (d) OR (e) or paragraph 9, subdivision (c) of this
2 section is a class 6 felony.

3 C. Aggravated assault pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 1 or 2 of
4 this section committed on a peace officer while the officer is engaged in the
5 execution of any official duties is a class 2 felony. Aggravated assault
6 pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 3 of this section committed on a peace
7 officer while the officer is engaged in the execution of any official duties
8 is a class 3 felony. Aggravated assault pursuant to subsection A, paragraph
9 8, subdivision (a) of this section resulting in any physical injury to a
10 peace officer while the officer is engaged in the execution of any official
11 duties is a class ~~5~~ 4 felony.

12 D. Aggravated assault pursuant to:

13 1. Subsection A, paragraph 1 or 2 of this section is a class 2 felony
14 if committed on a prosecutor.

15 2. Subsection A, paragraph 3 of this section is a class 3 felony if
16 committed on a prosecutor.

17 3. Subsection A, paragraph 8, subdivision (e) of this section is a
18 class 5 felony if the assault results in physical injury to a prosecutor.

19 E. For the purposes of this section, "prosecutor" means a county
20 attorney, a municipal prosecutor or the attorney general and includes an
21 assistant or deputy county attorney, municipal prosecutor or attorney
22 general.