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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2019 Assembly Bill 198

Assembly Amendment 1

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Under current law, in general, it is a Class A misdemeanor for a person to intentionally cause bodily harm¹ (battery) to a person. However, it is a Class H felony for a person to commit, or threaten to commit, a battery against a probation, extended supervision, parole, community supervision, or aftercare agent (agent). The penalty for a Class A misdemeanor is a fine of up to \$10,000, imprisonment up to nine months, or both. The penalty for a Class H felony is a fine of up to \$10,000, imprisonment of up to six years, or both.

Assembly Bill 198 provides that it is also a Class H felony to commit, or threaten to commit, a battery against an agent or the family members of an agent. The bill defines a “family member” to mean “a spouse, child, stepchild, foster child, parent, sibling, or grandchild.”

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 amends the bill to also provide that it is a Class H felony to commit, or threaten to commit, a battery against a tribal agent who exercise control over a juvenile on an aftercare program, or an agent’s family members.

BILL HISTORY

Representative Schraa introduced Assembly Amendment 1 on September 17, 2019. On October 17, 2019, the Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety voted to recommend adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0, and passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0.

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¹ Current law defines “bodily harm” to mean “physical pain or injury, illness, or any impairment of physical condition.” [s. 939.22 (4), Stats.]