



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 83

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1 **AN ACT to create** 940.20 (7) of the statutes; **relating to:** battery to an emergency
2 room worker and providing penalties.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person who intentionally causes bodily harm to another, without the other person's consent, commits the crime of ordinary battery and, upon conviction, is subject to a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than 9 months or both. The current law provides higher penalties for other types of battery, such as battery to a law enforcement officer, probation and parole agent, fire fighter, witness or juror. This bill creates a new battery crime if a person intentionally causes bodily harm to an emergency room worker without the victim's consent. Upon conviction, the violator is subject to a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than 5 years or both.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 940.20 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

4 940.20 (7) (a) In this subsection:

5 1. "Emergency room" means a room or area in a hospital, as defined in s. 50.33
6 (2), that is primarily used to provide emergency care, diagnosis or radiological
7 treatment.

8 2. "Emergency room worker" means any of the following:

