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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION

Introduced By: Representatives Fenton-Fung, J. Brien, Messier, Chippendale, Kennedy,  
and Azzinaro

Date Introduced: February 15, 2024

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 12-25-20 of the General Laws in Chapter 12-25 entitled "Criminal  
2 Injuries Compensation" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **12-25-20. Offenses to which chapter applies.**

4 The office may award compensation in accordance with the provisions of this chapter for  
5 personal injury or death which resulted from offenses in the following categories:

6 (1) Assault with intent to commit murder, robbery, or rape;

7 (2) Assault with a dangerous weapon;

8 (3) [Any offense of assault](#) ~~Assault~~ and battery [brought pursuant § 11-5-16 or under chapter](#)  
9 [5 of title 11, regardless of whether the offender is mentally competent;](#)

10 (4) Mayhem;

11 (5) Indecent assault and battery on a child under thirteen (13) years of age;

12 (6) Arson or statutory burning;

13 (7) Kidnapping;

14 (8) Robbery or larceny from that person;

15 (9) Murder;

16 (10) Manslaughter;

17 (11) First or second degree sexual assault;

18 (12) Child molestation, first or second degree;

19 (13) The abominable and detestable crime against nature or assault with intent to commit

- 1 the abominable and detestable crime against nature;
- 2 (14) Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs;
- 3 (15) Refusal by a driver to submit to a chemical test for alcohol or drugs in the immediate
- 4 aftermath of a collision;
- 5 (16) Driving so as to endanger, resulting in death, pursuant to § 31-27-1;
- 6 (17) Driving so as to endanger, resulting in personal injury, pursuant to § 31-27-1.1;
- 7 (18) Any other crime excluding motor vehicle offenses other than those enumerated in this
- 8 section which results in personal injury or death; and
- 9 (19) Failure to stop by a driver in circumstances which result in the death of any person,
- 10 pursuant to § 31-26-1.
- 11 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would specifically add healthcare employees to those persons eligible under the
- 2 criminal injuries compensation statute if they are assaulted during the course of their employment.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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