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Senate Engrossed House Bill

aggravated assault; accomplices; classification

State of Arizona House of Representatives Fifty-seventh Legislature First Regular Session 2025

HOUSE BILL 2611

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 13-1204, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY 2024 PROPOSITION 311, SECTION 3; AMENDING SECTION 13-1204, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY 2024 PROPOSITION 311, SECTION 4; REPEALING SECTION 13-1204, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2024, CHAPTER 113, SECTION 1 AND CHAPTER 257, SECTION 2; RELATING TO ASSAULT.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 13-1204, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by 3 2024 proposition 311, section 3, is amended to read:

13-1204. Aggravated assault; classification; definitions

- 5 A. Until January 1, 2033, a person commits aggravated assault if 6 the person commits assault as prescribed by section 13-1203 under any of 7 the following circumstances:
 - 1. If the person causes serious physical injury to another.
 - 2. If the person uses a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument.
- 3. If the person commits the assault by any means of force that 11 causes temporary but substantial disfigurement, temporary but substantial 12 loss or impairment of any body organ or part or a fracture of any body 13 part.
- 4. If the person commits the assault while the victim is bound or to otherwise physically restrained or while the victim's capacity to resist is substantially impaired.
- 5. If the person commits the assault after entering the private home of another with the intent to commit the assault.
- 19 6. If the person is eighteen years of age or older and commits the 20 assault on a minor under fifteen years of age.
- 7. If the person commits assault as prescribed by section 13-1203, 22 subsection A, paragraph 1 or 3 and the person is in violation of an order 23 of protection issued against the person pursuant to section 13-3602 or 24-13-3624.
- 8. If the person commits the assault knowing or having reason to know that the victim is any of the following:
- 27 (a) A first responder or a person summoned and directed by the 28 first responder.
- 29 (b) A constable or a person summoned and directed by the constable 30 while engaged in the execution of any official duties or if the assault 31 results from the execution of the constable's official duties.
- 32 (c) A teacher or other person employed by any school and the 33 teacher or other employee is on the grounds of a school or grounds 34 adjacent to the school or is in any part of a building or vehicle used for 35 school purposes, any teacher or school nurse visiting a private home in 36 the course of the teacher's or nurse's professional duties or any teacher 37 engaged in any authorized and organized classroom activity held on other 38 than school grounds.
- 39 (d) A health care worker while engaged in the health care worker's 40 work duties or a health care practitioner who is certified or licensed 41 pursuant to title 32, chapter 13, 14, 15, 17 or 25, or a person summoned 42 and directed by the licensed health care practitioner while engaged in the 43 person's professional duties. This subdivision does not apply if the 44 person who commits the assault does not have the ability to form the 45 culpable mental state because of a mental disability, DEVELOPMENTAL

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1 DISABILITY OR COGNITIVE DISABILITY or because the person is seriously 2 mentally ill, as defined in section 36-550.

- 3 (e) A prosecutor while engaged in the execution of any official 4 duties or if the assault results from the execution of the prosecutor's 5 official duties.
- 6 (f) A code enforcement officer as defined in section 39-123 while 7 engaged in the execution of any official duties or if the assault results 8 from the execution of the code enforcement officer's official duties.
- 9 (g) A state or municipal park ranger while engaged in the execution 10 of any official duties or if the assault results from the execution of the 11 park ranger's official duties.
- 12 (h) A public defender while engaged in the execution of any 13 official duties or if the assault results from the execution of the public 14 defender's official duties.
- 15 (i) A judicial officer while engaged in the execution of any 16 official duties or if the assault results from the execution of the 17 judicial officer's official duties.
- 18 (j) AN EMPLOYEE OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, OTHER THAN A PEACE 19 OFFICER, WHILE ENGAGED IN THE EXECUTION OF ANY OFFICIAL DUTIES.
- 20 (k) A PUBLIC TRANSIT EMPLOYEE WHO PERFORMS DUTIES ON AND OFF A 21 VEHICLE WHILE ENGAGED IN TRANSFERRING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO AND FROM 22 DESTINATIONS IN A BUS, VAN OR SHUTTLE.
- 23 (1) AN AIRPORT EMPLOYEE WHO INTERACTS WITH THE PUBLIC WHILE ENGAGED 24 IN THE AIRPORT EMPLOYEE'S WORK DUTIES.
- 25 (m) A RAILWAY WORKER WHILE ENGAGED IN OPERATING A TRAIN, LIGHT RAIL 26 OR PASSENGER RAIL OR PERFORMING TRACK MAINTENANCE.
- 9. If the person knowingly takes or attempts to exercise control 28 over any of the following:
- 29 (a) A first responder's or other officer's firearm and the person 30 knows or has reason to know that the victim is a first responder or other 31 officer employed by one of the agencies listed in paragraph 10, 32 subdivision (a), item (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) or (v) of this subsection.
- 33 (b) Any weapon other than a firearm that is being used by a first 34 responder or other officer or that the first responder or other officer is 35 attempting to use, and the person knows or has reason to know that the 36 victim is a first responder or other officer employed by one of the 37 agencies listed in paragraph 10, subdivision (a), item (i), (ii), (iii), 38 (iv) or (v) of this subsection.
- 39 (c) Any implement that is being used by a first responder or other 40 officer or that the first responder or other officer is attempting to use, 41 and the person knows or has reason to know that the victim is a first 42 responder or other officer employed by one of the agencies listed in 43 paragraph 10, subdivision (a), item (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) or (v) of this 44 subsection. For the purposes of this subdivision, "implement" means an

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1 object that is designed for or that is capable of restraining or injuring 2 an individual. Implement does not include handcuffs.

- 10. If the person meets both of the following conditions:
- 4 (a) Is imprisoned or otherwise subject to the custody of any of the 5 following:
 - (i) The state department of corrections.
 - (ii) The department of juvenile corrections.
 - (iii) A law enforcement agency.
- 9 (iv) A county or city jail or an adult or juvenile detention 10 facility of a city or county.
- 11 (v) Any other entity that is contracting with the state department 12 of corrections, the department of juvenile corrections, a law enforcement 13 agency, another state, any private correctional facility, a county, a city 14 or the federal bureau of prisons or other federal agency that has 15 responsibility for sentenced or unsentenced prisoners.
- 16 (b) Commits an assault knowing or having reason to know that the 17 victim is acting in an official capacity as an employee of any of the 18 entities listed in subdivision (a) of this paragraph.
 - 11. If the person uses a simulated deadly weapon.
- 20 12. IF THE PERSON IS AIDED BY TWO OR MORE ACCOMPLICES WHO AID IN 21 COMMITTING THE ASSAULT, THE ASSAULT IS DIRECTED AT A SINGLE PERSON AND THE 22 ASSAULT RESULTS IN PHYSICAL INJURY.
- B. Until January 1, 2033, a person commits aggravated assault if 24 the person commits assault by either intentionally, knowingly or 25 recklessly causing any physical injury to another person, intentionally 26 placing another person in reasonable apprehension of imminent physical 27 injury or knowingly touching another person with the intent to injure the 28 person, and both of the following occur:
- 29 1. The person intentionally or knowingly impedes the normal 30 breathing or circulation of blood of another person by applying pressure 31 to the throat or neck or by obstructing the nose and mouth either manually 32 or through the use of an instrument.
- 2. Any of the circumstances exists that are set forth in section 34 13-3601, subsection A, paragraph 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6.
- 35 C. A person who is convicted of intentionally or knowingly 36 committing aggravated assault on a first responder pursuant to subsection 37 A, paragraph 1 or 2 of this section shall be sentenced to imprisonment for 38 not less than the presumptive sentence authorized under chapter 7 of this 39 title and is not eligible for suspension of sentence, commutation or 40 release on any basis until the sentence imposed is served.
- D. IF A PERSON IS CONVICTED OF COMMITTING AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ON A PEACE OFFICER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND THE TRIER OF FACT DETERMINES THAT SECTION 13-701, SUBSECTION D, PARAGRAPH 17 APPLIES, THE PERSON SHALL BE SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS MORE THAN WOULD OTHERWISE BE IMPOSED FOR THE 45 OFFENSE. THE ADDITIONAL SENTENCE IMPOSED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS IN

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1 ADDITION TO ANY ENHANCED PUNISHMENT THAT MAY BE APPLICABLE UNDER THIS 2 SECTION OR CHAPTER 7 OF THIS TITLE. THE PERSON IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR 3 SUSPENSION OF SENTENCE, COMMUTATION OR RELEASE FROM CONFINEMENT ON ANY 4 BASIS, EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 31-233, SUBSECTION A 5 OR B, UNTIL THE SENTENCE IMPOSED IS SERVED THE PERSON IS ELIGIBLE FOR 6 RELEASE PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-1604.07 OR THE SENTENCE IS COMMUTED.

7 D. E. It is not a defense to a prosecution for assaulting a peace 8 officer or a mitigating circumstance that the peace officer was not on 9 duty or engaged in the execution of any official duties.

F. Except pursuant to subsections F and G, H AND I of this section, aggravated assault pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 1 or 2, paragraph 9, subdivision (a) or paragraph 11 of this section is a class 3 felony except if the aggravated assault is a violation of subsection A, paragraph 1 or 2 of this section and the victim is under fifteen years of 3 age it is a class 2 felony punishable pursuant to section 13-705. Aggravated assault pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 3 OR 12 or 3 subsection B of this section is a class 4 felony. Aggravated assault 8 pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 9, subdivision (b) or paragraph 10 of 19 this section is a class 5 felony. Aggravated assault pursuant to 20 subsection A, paragraph 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 or paragraph 9, subdivision (c) of 21 this section is a class 6 felony.

F. G. Aggravated assault pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 1 or 23 2 of this section committed on a first responder is a class 2 felony. 24 Aggravated assault pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 3 of this section 25 committed on a first responder is a class 3 felony. Aggravated assault 26 pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 8, subdivision (a) of this section 27 committed on a first responder is a class 4 felony unless the assault 28 results in any physical injury to the first responder, in which case it is 29 a class 3 felony.

H. AGGRAVATED ASSAULT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 1 OR 2 OF 31 THIS SECTION COMMITTED ON AN EMPLOYEE OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IS A 32 CLASS 2 FELONY. AGGRAVATED ASSAULT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 3 OF THIS SECTION COMMITTED ON AN EMPLOYEE OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IS A 34 CLASS 3 FELONY. AGGRAVATED ASSAULT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 8, 35 SUBDIVISION (j) OF THIS SECTION COMMITTED ON AN EMPLOYEE OF A LAW 36 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IS A CLASS 5 FELONY UNLESS THE ASSAULT RESULTS IN ANY 37 PHYSICAL INJURY TO THE EMPLOYEE, IN WHICH CASE IT IS A CLASS 4 FELONY.

G. I. Aggravated assault pursuant to:

- 39 1. Subsection A, paragraph 1 or 2 of this section is a class 2 40 felony if committed on a prosecutor.
- 41 2. Subsection A, paragraph 3 of this section is a class 3 felony if 42 committed on a prosecutor.
- 3. Subsection A, paragraph 8, subdivision (e) of this section is a 44 class 5 felony if the assault results in physical injury to a prosecutor.

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- H. J. For the purposes of this section:
- 2 1. "COGNITIVE DISABILITY" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN 3 SECTION 36-551.
- 4 2. "DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN 5 SECTION 36-551.
 - 1. 3. "First responder" means:
 - (a) A peace officer.
- 8 (b) A firefighter, a fire marshal, a fire inspector, an emergency 9 medical care technician or a paramedic who is engaged in the execution of 10 any official duties.
 - (c) A tribal police officer.
 - 2. 4. "Health care worker" means:
- 13 (a) A person who is employed by or contracted to work at a health 14 care institution that is licensed pursuant to title 36.
- 15 (b) A person who is employed or contracted to provide health care 16 or related services in a fieldwork setting, including:
- 17 (i) Home health care, home-based hospice and home-based social 18 work, unless the worker is employed or contracted by an individual who 19 privately employs, in the individual's residence, the worker to perform 20 covered services for the individual or a family member of the individual.
- 21 (ii) Any emergency services and transport, including the services 22 provided by firefighters and emergency responders.
- 23 3. 5. "Judicial officer" means a justice of the supreme court, 24 judge, justice of the peace or magistrate or a commissioner or hearing 25 officer of a state, county or municipal court.
- 26 4. 6. "Mental disability" means a disabling neurological 27 condition, or brain injury, or involuntary impairment as a result of a 28 medication that is administered by a health care provider or a medical 29 procedure that is performed at a health care treatment site.
- 30 5. 7. "Prosecutor" means a county attorney, a municipal prosecutor 31 or the attorney general and includes an assistant or deputy county 32 attorney, municipal prosecutor or attorney general.
- 33 Sec. 2. Section 13-1204, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by 34 2024 proposition 311, section 4, is amended to read:
 - 13-1204. Aggravated assault; classification; definitions
- A. Beginning from and after December 31, 2032, a person commits 37 aggravated assault if the person commits assault as prescribed by section 38 13-1203 under any of the following circumstances:
 - 1. If the person causes serious physical injury to another.
 - 2. If the person uses a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument.
- 3. If the person commits the assault by any means of force that 42 causes temporary but substantial disfigurement, temporary but substantial 43 loss or impairment of any body organ or part or a fracture of any body 44 part.

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- 4. If the person commits the assault while the victim is bound or 2 otherwise physically restrained or while the victim's capacity to resist 3 is substantially impaired.
- 5. If the person commits the assault after entering the private home of another with the intent to commit the assault.
- 6. If the person is eighteen years of age or older and commits the 7 assault on a minor under fifteen years of age.
- 8 7. If the person commits assault as prescribed by section 13-1203, 9 subsection A, paragraph 1 or 3 and the person is in violation of an order 10 of protection issued against the person pursuant to section 13-3602 or $11 \ 13-3624$.
- 8. If the person commits the assault knowing or having reason to 13 know that the victim is any of the following:
- 14 (a) A peace officer or a person summoned and directed by the 15 officer.
- 16 (b) A constable or a person summoned and directed by the constable 17 while engaged in the execution of any official duties or if the assault 18 results from the execution of the constable's official duties.
- 19 (c) A firefighter, fire investigator, fire inspector, emergency 20 medical technician or paramedic engaged in the execution of any official 21 duties or a person summoned and directed by such individual while engaged 22 in the execution of any official duties or if the assault results from the 23 execution of the official duties of the firefighter, fire investigator, 24 fire inspector, emergency medical technician or paramedic.
- (d) A teacher or other person employed by any school and the 26 teacher or other employee is on the grounds of a school or grounds 27 adjacent to the school or is in any part of a building or vehicle used for 28 school purposes, any teacher or school nurse visiting a private home in 29 the course of the teacher's or nurse's professional duties or any teacher 30 engaged in any authorized and organized classroom activity held on other 31 than school grounds.
- (e) A health care worker while engaged in the health care worker's work duties or a health care practitioner who is certified or licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13, 14, 15, 17 or 25, or a person summoned and directed by the licensed health care practitioner while engaged in the person's professional duties. This subdivision does not apply if the person who commits the assault does not have the ability to form the culpable mental state because of a mental disability, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY OR COGNITIVE DISABILITY or because the person is seriously mentally ill, as defined in section 36-550.
- 41 (f) A prosecutor while engaged in the execution of any official 42 duties or if the assault results from the execution of the prosecutor's 43 official duties.

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- 1 (g) A code enforcement officer as defined in section 39-123 while 2 engaged in the execution of any official duties or if the assault results 3 from the execution of the code enforcement officer's official duties.
- 4 (h) A state or municipal park ranger while engaged in the execution 5 of any official duties or if the assault results from the execution of the 6 park ranger's official duties.
- 7 (i) A public defender while engaged in the execution of any 8 official duties or if the assault results from the execution of the public 9 defender's official duties.
- 10 (j) A judicial officer while engaged in the execution of any 11 official duties or if the assault results from the execution of the 12 judicial officer's official duties.
- 13 (k) AN EMPLOYEE OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, OTHER THAN A PEACE 14 OFFICER, WHILE ENGAGED IN THE EXECUTION OF ANY OFFICIAL DUTIES.
- 15 (1) A PUBLIC TRANSIT EMPLOYEE WHO PERFORMS DUTIES ON AND OFF A 16 VEHICLE WHILE ENGAGED IN TRANSFERRING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO AND FROM 17 DESTINATIONS IN A BUS. VAN OR SHUTTLE.
- 18 (m) AN AIRPORT EMPLOYEE WHO INTERACTS WITH THE PUBLIC WHILE ENGAGED 19 IN THE AIRPORT EMPLOYEE'S WORK DUTIES.
- 20 (n) A RAILWAY WORKER WHILE ENGAGED IN OPERATING A TRAIN, LIGHT RAIL 21 OR PASSENGER RAIL OR PERFORMING TRACK MAINTENANCE.
- 9. If the person knowingly takes or attempts to exercise control over any of the following:
- 24 (a) A peace officer's or other officer's firearm and the person 25 knows or has reason to know that the victim is a peace officer or other 26 officer employed by one of the agencies listed in paragraph 10, 27 subdivision (a), item (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) or (v) of this subsection.
- 28 (b) Any weapon other than a firearm that is being used by a peace 29 officer or other officer or that the officer is attempting to use, and the 30 person knows or has reason to know that the victim is a peace officer or 31 other officer employed by one of the agencies listed in paragraph 10, 32 subdivision (a), item (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) or (v) of this subsection.
- 33 (c) Any implement that is being used by a peace officer or other 34 officer or that the officer is attempting to use, and the person knows or 35 has reason to know that the victim is a peace officer or other officer 36 employed by one of the agencies listed in paragraph 10, subdivision (a), 37 item (i), (iii), (iii), (iv) or (v) of this subsection. For the purposes 38 of this subdivision, "implement" means an object that is designed for or 39 that is capable of restraining or injuring an individual. Implement does 40 not include handcuffs.
 - 10. If the person meets both of the following conditions:
- 42 (a) Is imprisoned or otherwise subject to the custody of any of the 43 following:
 - (i) The state department of corrections.
 - (ii) The department of juvenile corrections.

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- (iii) A law enforcement agency.
- 2 (iv) A county or city jail or an adult or juvenile detention 3 facility of a city or county.
- 4 (v) Any other entity that is contracting with the state department 5 of corrections, the department of juvenile corrections, a law enforcement 6 agency, another state, any private correctional facility, a county, a city 7 or the federal bureau of prisons or other federal agency that has 8 responsibility for sentenced or unsentenced prisoners.
- 9 (b) Commits an assault knowing or having reason to know that the 10 victim is acting in an official capacity as an employee of any of the 11 entities listed in subdivision (a) of this paragraph.
 - 11. If the person uses a simulated deadly weapon.
- 13 12. IF THE PERSON IS AIDED BY TWO OR MORE ACCOMPLICES AID IN 14 COMMITTING THE ASSAULT, THE ASSAULT IS DIRECTED AT A SINGLE PERSON AND THE 15 ASSAULT RESULTS IN PHYSICAL INJURY.
- B. Beginning from and after December 31, 2032, a person commits aggravated assault if the person commits assault by either intentionally, 18 knowingly or recklessly causing any physical injury to another person, 19 intentionally placing another person in reasonable apprehension of 20 imminent physical injury or knowingly touching another person with the 21 intent to injure the person, and both of the following occur:
- 1. The person intentionally or knowingly impedes the normal breathing or circulation of blood of another person by applying pressure to the throat or neck or by obstructing the nose and mouth either manually or through the use of an instrument.
- 26 2. Any of the circumstances exists that are set forth in section 27 13-3601, subsection A, paragraph 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6.
- 28 C. A person who is convicted of intentionally or knowingly 29 committing aggravated assault on a peace officer pursuant to subsection A, 30 paragraph 1 or 2 of this section shall be sentenced to imprisonment for 31 not less than the presumptive sentence authorized under chapter 7 of this 32 title and is not eligible for suspension of sentence, commutation or 33 release on any basis until the sentence imposed is served.
- D. IF A PERSON IS CONVICTED OF COMMITTING AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ON A PEACE OFFICER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND THE TRIER OF FACT DETERMINES THAT SECTION 13-701, SUBSECTION D, PARAGRAPH 17 APPLIES, THE PERSON SHALL THAT SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS MORE THAN WOULD OTHERWISE BE IMPOSED FOR THE ADDITIONAL SENTENCE IMPOSED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS IN ADDITION TO ANY ENHANCED PUNISHMENT THAT MAY BE APPLICABLE UNDER THIS SECTION OR CHAPTER 7 OF THIS TITLE. THE PERSON IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR USE SUSPENSION OF SENTENCE, COMMUTATION OR RELEASE FROM CONFINEMENT ON ANY AS BASIS, EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 31-233, SUBSECTION A OR B, UNTIL THE SENTENCE IMPOSED IS SERVED THE PERSON IS ELIGIBLE FOR RELEASE PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-1604.07 OR THE SENTENCE IS COMMUTED.

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1 D. E. It is not a defense to a prosecution for assaulting a peace 2 officer or a mitigating circumstance that the peace officer was not on 3 duty or engaged in the execution of any official duties.

F. Except pursuant to subsections F and G, H AND I of this section, aggravated assault pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 1 or 2, 6 paragraph 9, subdivision (a) or paragraph 11 of this section is a class 3 7 felony except if the aggravated assault is a violation of subsection A, 8 paragraph 1 or 2 of this section and the victim is under fifteen years of 9 age it is a class 2 felony punishable pursuant to section 13-705. 10 Aggravated assault pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 3 OR 12 or 11 subsection B of this section is a class 4 felony. Aggravated assault 12 pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 9, subdivision (b) or paragraph 10 of 13 this section is a class 5 felony. Aggravated assault pursuant to 14 subsection A, paragraph 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 or paragraph 9, subdivision (c) of 15 this section is a class 6 felony.

F. G. Aggravated assault pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 1 or 17 2 of this section committed on a peace officer is a class 2 felony. 18 Aggravated assault pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 3 of this section 19 committed on a peace officer is a class 3 felony. Aggravated assault 20 pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 8, subdivision (a) of this section 21 committed on a peace officer is a class 5 felony unless the assault 22 results in any physical injury to the peace officer, in which case it is a 23 class 4 felony.

H. AGGRAVATED ASSAULT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 1 OR 2 OF THIS SECTION COMMITTED ON AN EMPLOYEE OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IS A CLASS 2 FELONY. AGGRAVATED ASSAULT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 3 CLASS 3 FELONY. AGGRAVATED ASSAULT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 8, SUBDIVISION (j) OF THIS SECTION COMMITTED ON AN EMPLOYEE OF A LAW 30 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IS A CLASS 5 FELONY UNLESS THE ASSAULT RESULTS IN ANY 31 PHYSICAL INJURY TO THE EMPLOYEE, IN WHICH CASE IT IS A CLASS 4 FELONY.

G. I. Aggravated assault pursuant to:

- 33 1. Subsection A, paragraph 1 or 2 of this section is a class 2 34 felony if committed on a prosecutor.
- 35 2. Subsection A, paragraph 3 of this section is a class 3 felony if 36 committed on a prosecutor.
- 37 3. Subsection A, paragraph 8, subdivision (f) of this section is a 38 class 5 felony if the assault results in physical injury to a prosecutor.

H. J. For the purposes of this section:

- 40 1. "COGNITIVE DISABILITY" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN 41 SECTION 36-551.
- 42 2. "DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN 43 SECTION 36-551.

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- 1. 3. "Health care worker" means:
- 2 (a) A person who is employed by or contracted to work at a health 3 care institution that is licensed pursuant to title 36.
- 4 (b) A person who is employed or contracted to provide health care 5 or related services in a fieldwork setting, including:
- 6 (i) Home health care, home-based hospice and home-based social 7 work, unless the worker is employed or contracted by an individual who 8 privately employs, in the individual's residence, the worker to perform 9 covered services for the individual or a family member of the individual.
- 10 (ii) Any emergency services and transport, including the services 11 provided by firefighters and emergency responders.
- 12 2. 4. "Judicial officer" means a justice of the supreme court, 13 judge, justice of the peace or magistrate or a commissioner or hearing 14 officer of a state, county or municipal court.
- 15 3. 5. "Mental disability" means a disabling neurological 16 condition, or brain injury, or involuntary impairment as a result of a 17 medication that is administered by a health care provider or a medical 18 procedure that is performed at a health care treatment site.
- 19 4. 6. "Prosecutor" means a county attorney, a municipal prosecutor 20 or the attorney general and includes an assistant or deputy county 21 attorney, municipal prosecutor or attorney general.
- Sec. 3. Repeal
- Section 13-1204, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by Laws 2024, 24 chapter 113, section 1 and chapter 257, section 2, is repealed.
- 25 Sec. 4. Short title
- This act may be cited as "Preston's Law".

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