State of Arkansas 1 As Engrossed: H2/8/99 A Bill 2 82nd General Assembly 3 Regular Session, 1999 SENATE BILL 96 4 5 By: Senator Gordon 6 7 For An Act To Be Entitled 8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 5-13-202 TO INCLUDE 9 CAUSING PHYSICAL INJURY TO PHYSICIANS AND OTHER HEALTH 10 CARE PROVIDERS IN THE DEFINITION OF BATTERY IN THE 11 12 SECOND DEGREE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES." 13 Subtitle 14 "TO INCLUDE CAUSING PHYSICAL INJURY TO 15 16 PHYSICIANS AND OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN THE DEFINITION OF BATTERY 17 IN THE SECOND DEGREE." 18 19 20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 21 22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 5-13-202 is amended to read as follows: 23 24 "5-13-202. Battery in the second degree. (a) A person commits battery in the second degree if: 25 26 (1) With the purpose of causing physical injury to another person, he causes serious physical injury to any person; 27 28 (2) With the purpose of causing physical injury to another 29 person, he causes physical injury to any person by means of a deadly weapon other than a firearm; 30 31 (3) He recklessly causes serious physical injury to another person by means of a deadly weapon; or 32 (4) He intentionally or knowingly without legal justification 33 34 causes physical injury to one he knows to be: (A) A law enforcement officer, fire fighter, or employee of 35 a correctional facility, while such officer, fire fighter, or correctional 36

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1	facility employee is acting in the line of duty;
2	(B) A teacher or other school employee while acting in the
3	course of employment;
4	(C) An individual sixty (60) years of age or older or
5	twelve (12) years of age or younger;
6	(D) An officer or employee of the state while the officer
7	or employee is acting in the performance of his lawful duty;
8	(E) A <u>physician,</u> <u>a</u> person certified as an emergency medical
9	technician as defined in § 20-13-202, or any other $\underline{a}$ licensed or certified
10	health care professional or any other health care provider, while performing
11	<u>medical treatment</u> , emergency medical services <u>or while in the course of other</u>
12	employment relating to his or her medical training;
13	(F) An individual who is incompetent as defined by § 5-25-
14	101(3).
15	(b) Battery in the second degree is a Class D felony."
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17	SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
18	are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
19	Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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21	SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
22	any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
23	other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
24	the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
25	act are declared to be severable.

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SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

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