

By the Council for Healthy Communities and Representative Harrell

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to assault; amending s. 901.15,
3 F.S.; authorizing a law enforcement officer to
4 make an arrest without a warrant when there is
5 probable cause to believe that the person has
6 committed assault upon a law enforcement
7 officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical
8 care provider, public transit employees or
9 agents, or certain other officers or has
10 committed assault or battery upon any employee
11 of a receiving facility; providing an effective
12 date.

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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16 Section 1. Subsection (16) is added to section 901.15,
17 Florida Statutes, to read:

18 901.15 When arrest by officer without warrant is
19 lawful.--A law enforcement officer may arrest a person without
20 a warrant when:

21 (16) There is probable cause to believe that the
22 person has committed assault upon a law enforcement officer, a
23 firefighter, an emergency medical care provider, public
24 transit employees or agents, or other specified officers as
25 set forth in s. 784.07 or has committed assault or battery
26 upon any employee of a receiving facility as defined in s.
27 394.455 who is engaged in the lawful performance of his or her
28 duties.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.
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