

## **NEWS BRIEF:**

# **Bill to Protect Health Care Workers Clears House**

A bill intended to expand protections for health care workers has cleared the House of Representatives on a unanimous vote.

Under existing state law, the offense of Assault in the Second Degree included the intentional assault of working ambulance operators, rescue squad members, and nurses.

[House Bill 144](#), passed by the House on Tuesday, would expand the scope of that crime to include other health care treatment providers, employees, and hospital security personnel who are assaulted while on the job.



State Rep.  
Ruth Briggs King

The bipartisan measure was sponsored by State Reps. Ruth Briggs King (R-Georgetown-Long Neck) and William Bush (D-Dover). It is pending consideration Senate Corrections & Public Safety Committee.