

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2060

By: Inman

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to crimes and punishments; creating the Social Worker Protection Act; prohibiting assault of certain social worker or child welfare worker performing employment duties; prescribing punishment for violation; prohibiting battery of certain social worker or child welfare worker performing employment duties; prescribing punishment for violation; providing for noncodification; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Social Worker Protection Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 650.12 of Title 21, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Every person who, without justifiable or excusable cause, knowingly commits any assault upon the person of a social worker or child welfare worker duly employed by the Department of Human

1 Services to enforce state laws while the worker is in the
2 performance of employment duties, upon conviction, shall be guilty
3 of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail not
4 exceeding six (6) months, or by a fine not exceeding Five Hundred
5 Dollars (\$500.00), or by both fine and imprisonment.

6 B. Every person who, without justifiable or excusable cause
7 knowingly commits battery or assault and battery upon the person of
8 a social worker or child welfare worker duly employed by the
9 Department of Human Services to enforce state laws while the worker
10 is in the performance of employment duties, upon conviction, shall
11 be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment of not more than
12 five (5) years in a state correctional institution or county jail
13 for a period not to exceed one (1) year, or by a fine not exceeding
14 Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by both fine and imprisonment.

15 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.
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