Health Care Heroes Violence Prevention Act Awaits Governor's Approval



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Assembly Bill 3199, also known as the Health Care Heroes Violence Prevention Act, passed in both houses of the New Jersey Legislature in February 2023, but has not yet been signed into law by Governor Phil Murphy. The Act would expand the aggravating factors a court may use in sentencing, including whether the defendant committed the offense against any healthcare professional, volunteer, or employee while they were engaged in their practice or duties. The Act would make it a criminal offense to threaten a healthcare professional, volunteer, or employee. The Act also would include anger management courses and community service as possible punishments for individuals convicted of assault against a healthcare professional, volunteer, or employee.

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