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This bill establishes a crime for interfering with ambulance service personnel engaged in the performance of duties. The bill utilizes a broad definition of "ambulance service personnel" from the chapter of statutes relating to the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board.

The new provision is placed in the section of the criminal code dealing with obstructing peace officers and firefighters. It uses the same penalty format as those offenses. A basic offense is a misdemeanor. If the act was accompanied by force or the threat of force, the penalty is a gross misdemeanor. If the act causes, or creates a risk of, death, substantial bodily harm, or serious property damage, the penalty is a felony (up to 5 years in prison; \$10,000 fine).