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STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; providing enhanced criminal penalties for assaulting
1.3 firefighters and medical personnel; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section
1.4 609.2231, subdivision 2.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.2231, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Firefighters and emergency medical personnel.** (a) Whoever physically
1.8 assaults any of the following persons and inflicts demonstrable bodily harm is guilty of a
1.9 felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than two years or to payment
1.10 of a fine of not more than \$4,000, or both gross misdemeanor:

1.11 (1) a member of a municipal or volunteer fire department or emergency medical services
1.12 personnel unit in the performance of the member's duties; or

1.13 (2) a physician, nurse, or other person providing health care services in a hospital
1.14 emergency department.

1.15 (b) Whoever commits either of the following acts against a person identified in paragraph
1.16 (a), clause (1) or (2), is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not
1.17 more than three years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$6,000, or both:

1.18 (1) physically assaults the person and the assault inflicts demonstrable bodily harm; or

1.19 (2) intentionally throws or otherwise transfers bodily fluids or feces at or onto the person.

1.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2023, and applies to crimes
1.21 committed on or after that date.