

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy

Section 1.

2.1 paragraph, "airport" means an airport that has a control tower and airline service, and
2.2 "freeway" means any section of a divided highway where the only access and egress for
2.3 vehicular traffic is from entrance and exit ramps.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to crimes
2.5 committed on or after that date.

2.6 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.855, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.7 Subd. 2. **Unlawful interference with transit operator.** (a) Whoever intentionally
2.8 commits an act that interferes with or obstructs, or tends to interfere with or obstruct, the
2.9 operation of a transit vehicle is guilty of ~~unlawful interference with a transit operator~~ a crime
2.10 and may be sentenced as provided in paragraph (c).

2.11 (b) An act ~~that is~~ committed on a transit vehicle that distracts the driver from the safe
2.12 operation of the vehicle, restricts passenger access to the transit vehicle, or ~~that~~ endangers
2.13 passengers is a violation of this subdivision if an authorized transit representative has clearly
2.14 warned the person once to stop the act.

2.15 (c) A person who violates this subdivision may be sentenced as follows:

2.16 (1) to imprisonment for not more than three years or to payment of a fine of not more
2.17 than \$5,000, or both, if the violation was accompanied by force or violence or a
2.18 communication of a threat of force or violence; or

2.19 (2) to imprisonment for not more than ~~90~~ 364 days or to payment of a fine of not more
2.20 than ~~\$1,000~~ \$3,000, or both, if the violation was not accompanied by force or violence or
2.21 a communication of a threat of force or violence.

2.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to crimes
2.23 committed on or after that date.