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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; increasing the criminal penalty for assaulting a firefighter,
- 1.3 EMS personnel, or certain health care providers; amending Minnesota Statutes
- 1.4 2024, section 609.2231, subdivision 2.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.2231, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 1.7 Subd. 2. **Firefighters and emergency medical personnel.** (a) Except as provided in
- 1.8 paragraph (b), whoever physically assaults any of the following persons and inflicts
- 1.9 demonstrable bodily harm is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for
- 1.10 not more than two years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$4,000, or both gross
- 1.11 misdemeanor:
- 1.12 (1) either:
- 1.13 (i) a member of a municipal or volunteer fire department in the performance of the
- 1.14 member's duties; or
- 1.15 (ii) a member of an emergency medical services personnel unit in the performance of
- 1.16 the member's duties; or
- 1.17 (2) a physician, nurse, or other person providing health care services in a hospital
- 1.18 emergency department.
- 1.19 (b) Whoever physically assaults a person described in paragraph (a), clause (1) or (2),
- 1.20 is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than three years
- 1.21 or to payment of a fine of not more than \$6,000, or both, if the assault inflicts demonstrable
- 1.22 bodily harm.

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