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STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

S.F. No. 190

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
01/16/2025	89	Introduction and first reading Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

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A bill for an act

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relating to public safety; providing enhanced penalties for assaulting a sports

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official; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.2231, by adding a

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subdivision.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.2231, is amended by adding a subdivision

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to read:

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Subd. 12. **Sports official.** (a) As used in this subdivision, "sports official" means a person

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who serves as an umpire, referee, judge, linesperson, timer, scorekeeper, or in another similar

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capacity for a youth athletic activity as defined in section 121A.38, subdivision 1, paragraph

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(e).

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(b) Whoever commits either of the following acts against a sports official because of

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the official's performance as a sports official is guilty of a gross misdemeanor:

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(1) assaults the official and inflicts demonstrable bodily harm; or

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

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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.