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State of Minnesota  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2928

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to criminal justice; increasing the maximum penalty for felony-level  
1.3 assaults motivated by bias; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,  
1.4 chapter 609.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[609.2233] FELONY ASSAULT MOTIVATED BY BIAS; INCREASED**  
1.7 **STATUTORY MAXIMUM SENTENCE.**

1.8 A person who violates section 609.221, 609.222, or 609.223 because of the victim's  
1.9 or another person's actual or perceived race, color, sex, sexual orientation, disability as  
1.10 defined in section 363A.03, age, or national origin is subject to a statutory maximum  
1.11 penalty of 25 percent longer than the maximum penalty otherwise applicable.

1.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2016, and applies to crimes  
1.13 committed on or after that date.