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H. F. No. 405

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; modifying crime level and sentence for assault of
1.3 firefighters and emergency medical personnel; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016,
1.4 section 609.2231, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 609.2231, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Firefighters and emergency medical personnel.** (a) Whoever assaults any of
1.8 the following persons ~~and inflicts demonstrable bodily harm~~ is guilty of a ~~felony~~ gross
1.9 misdemeanor and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than ~~two years~~ one year
1.10 or to payment of a fine of not more than ~~\$4,000~~ \$3,000, or both:

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) A person who violates paragraph (a) and inflicts demonstrable bodily harm on the
1.16 victim is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than two
1.17 years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$4,000, or both.

1.18 (c) A person who intentionally throws or otherwise transfers bodily fluids or feces at or
1.19 onto a person identified in paragraph (a), clause (1) or (2), is guilty of a felony and may be
1.20 sentenced to imprisonment for not more than three years or to payment of a fine of not more
1.21 than \$6,000, or both.

- 2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2017, and applies to crimes
- 2.2 committed on or after that date.