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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1247

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; imposing a mandatory minimum sentence on prisoners
1.3 who commit assaults in jails and workhouses; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2012, section 609.2231, subdivision 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 609.2231, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. **Correctional employees; probation officers.** (a) Whoever commits
1.8 either of the following acts against an employee of a correctional facility as defined in
1.9 section 241.021, subdivision 1, paragraph (f), or against a probation officer or other
1.10 qualified person employed in supervising offenders while the employee, officer, or person
1.11 is engaged in the performance of a duty imposed by law, policy, or rule is guilty of a
1.12 felony and, except as provided in paragraph (b), may be sentenced to imprisonment for not
1.13 more than two years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$4,000, or both:

- 1.14 (1) assaults the employee and inflicts demonstrable bodily harm; or
- 1.15 (2) intentionally throws or otherwise transfers bodily fluids or feces at or onto the
- 1.16 employee.

1.17 (b) A person convicted of violating paragraph (a), clause (1), shall be committed to
1.18 the commissioner of corrections for not less than a year and a day or more than two years.