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**H. F. No. 1481**

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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

A bill for an act

relating to public safety; providing enhanced criminal penalties for assaulting firefighters and medical personnel; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 609.2231, subdivision 2.

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

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

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

(1) a member of a municipal or volunteer fire department or emergency medical services personnel unit in the performance of the member's duties; or

(2) a physician, nurse, or other person providing health care services in a hospital ~~emergency department~~.

(b) Whoever commits either of the following acts against a person identified in paragraph (a), clause (1) or (2), is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than three years or to payment of a fine of not more than $6,000, or both:

(1) physically assaults the person and the assault inflicts demonstrable bodily harm; or

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

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