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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 472

01/17/2023 Authored by Huot and Hemmingsen-Jaeger 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; providing enhanced penalties for assaulting a sports
1.3 official; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.2231, by adding a
1.4 subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.2231, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 12. Sports official. (a) Whoever assaults a sports official while the official is
1.9 engaged in the performance of the official's duties, and inflicts demonstrable bodily harm,
1.10 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

1.11 (b) As used in this subdivision, "sports official" means a person who serves as an umpire,
1.12 referee, judge, linesperson, timer, scorekeeper, or in another similar capacity for a youth
1.13 athletic activity as defined in section 121A.38, subdivision 1, paragraph (e).

1.14 (c) A sports official is engaged in the performance of the official's duties when the person
1.15 is:

1.16 (1) serving in a capacity described in paragraph (b);

1.17 (2) on the premises or in the parking lot where the youth athletic activity is taking place;

1.18 or

1.19 (3) traveling between the premises and a public transit stop or a motor vehicle.

1.20 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2023, and applies to crimes
1.21 committed on or after that date.