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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2976

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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; enhancing penalties for offenses against protesters;
1.3 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609.

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

1.5 Section 1. [609.216] INCREASED STATUTORY MAXIMUM SENTENCES FOR
1.6 OFFENSES AGAINST PROTESTERS.

1.7 A person who violates section 609.19, 609.195, 609.20, 609.205, 609.2112, or 609.2113
1.8 is subject to a statutory maximum penalty of 25 percent longer than the maximum penalty
1.9 otherwise applicable if the person knows that the victim is engaged in a protest at the time
1.10 of the offense.

1.11 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2018, and applies to violations
1.12 committed on or after that date.

1.13 Sec. 2. [609.2234] FELONY ASSAULT ON PROTESTER; INCREASED
1.14 STATUTORY MAXIMUM SENTENCE.

1.15 A person who violates section 609.221, 609.222, or 609.223 is subject to a statutory
1.16 maximum penalty of 25 percent longer than the maximum penalty otherwise applicable if
1.17 the person knows that the victim is engaged in a protest at the time of the assault.

1.18 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2018, and applies to violations
1.19 committed on or after that date.