

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 590

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

03/18/2013 Adoption of Report: Pass as Amended and Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to crime; prescribing criminal penalties for assaulting a transit operator;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 609.2231, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 609.2231, is amended by adding a
1.6 subdivision to read:

1.7 Subd. 11. **Transit operators.** (a) A person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor if
1.8 (1) the person assaults a transit operator, or intentionally throws or otherwise transfers
1.9 bodily fluids onto a transit operator; and (2) the transit operator is acting in the course
1.10 of the operator's duties and is operating a transit vehicle, aboard a transit vehicle, or
1.11 otherwise responsible for a transit vehicle. A person convicted under this paragraph
1.12 may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than one year or to payment of a fine of
1.13 not more than \$3,000, or both.

1.14 (b) For the purposes of this subdivision, "transit operator" means a driver or operator
1.15 of a transit vehicle that is used to provide any of the following services:

1.16 (1) public transit, as defined in section 174.22, subdivision 7;

1.17 (2) light rail transit service;

1.18 (3) special transportation service under section 473.386, whether provided by the
1.19 council or by other providers under contract with the council; or

1.20 (4) commuter rail service.

1.21 **Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

1.22 Section 1 is effective August 1, 2013, and applies to crimes committed on or after
1.23 that date.