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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 2876

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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; establishing a crime for transferring bodily fluids at or
1.3 onto certain individuals; expanding the offense of fourth-degree assault to include
1.4 all people providing health care services; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024,
1.5 section 609.2231, subdivision 2.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.2231, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. Firefighters and emergency medical personnel. Whoever assaults any commits
1.9 either of the following persons and inflicts demonstrable bodily harm acts against a member
1.10 of a municipal or volunteer fire department or emergency medical services personnel unit
1.11 in the performance of the member's duties or against a physician, nurse, or other person
1.12 providing health care services is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment
1.13 for not more than two years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$4,000, or both:

1.14 (1) a member of a municipal or volunteer fire department or emergency medical services
1.15 personnel unit in the performance of the member's duties assaults the person and inflicts
1.16 demonstrable bodily harm; or

1.17 (2) a physician, nurse, or other person providing health care services in a hospital
1.18 emergency department intentionally throws or otherwise transfers bodily fluids or feces at
1.19 or onto the person.

1.20 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to crimes
1.21 committed on or after that date.