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STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

S.F. No. 3946

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/26/2026	6410	Introduction and first reading Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety
03/02/2026	6464	Withdrawn and re-referred to Transportation
03/25/2026	6967	Comm report: To pass and re-referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to public safety; clarifying criminal penalty provisions for assaulting transit

1.3 workers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.2231, subdivision 11.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.2231, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 11. **Transit ~~operators~~ workers**. (a) A person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor

1.7 if (1) the person assaults a transit ~~operator~~ worker, or intentionally throws or otherwise

1.8 transfers bodily fluids onto a transit ~~operator~~ worker; and (2) the transit ~~operator~~ worker is

1.9 ~~acting in the course of the operator's duties and is operating a transit vehicle, aboard a transit~~

1.10 ~~vehicle, or otherwise responsible for a transit vehicle~~ engaged in the performance of the

1.11 worker's duties. A person convicted under this paragraph may be sentenced to imprisonment

1.12 for not more than 364 days or to payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both.

1.13 (b) For the purposes of this subdivision, "transit ~~operator~~ worker" means ~~a driver or~~

1.14 ~~operator of a transit vehicle that is used to provide any of the following services:~~ an employee,

1.15 contractor, or volunteer working in public transportation or transit as defined under section

1.16 473.121, subdivision 19.

1.17 ~~(1) public transportation, as defined in section 174.22, subdivision 7;~~

1.18 ~~(2) light rail transit service;~~

1.19 ~~(3) special transportation service under section 473.386, whether provided by the~~

1.20 ~~Metropolitan Council or by other providers under contract with the council; or~~

1.21 ~~(4) commuter rail service.~~

- 2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2026, and applies to crimes
- 2.2 committed on or after that date.