

A bill for an act

relating to public safety; expanding the fourth-degree assault crime; amending
Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 609.2231, subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 609.2231, subdivision 2, is amended to
read:

Subd. 2. **Firefighters and emergency medical personnel.** Whoever intentionally
throws or otherwise transfers bodily fluids or feces at or onto, or assaults any of the
following persons and inflicts demonstrable bodily harm, is guilty of a felony and may
be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than two years or to payment of a fine of
not more than \$4,000, or both:

(1) a member of a municipal or volunteer fire department or emergency medical
services personnel unit in the performance of the member's duties; or

(2) a physician, nurse, or other person providing health care services in a hospital
emergency department.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2009, and applies to crimes
committed on or after that date.