

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

H. F. No. 2652

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance
03/16/2016 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended
Read Second Time
04/25/2016 Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison with S. F. No. 2227
04/26/2016 Postponed Indefinitely

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; clarifying the offense of fourth degree assault against a
1.3 peace officer; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 609.2231, subdivision
1.4 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 609.2231, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Peace officers.** (a) As used in this subdivision, "peace officer" means
1.8 a person who is licensed under section 626.845, subdivision 1, and effecting a lawful
1.9 arrest or executing any other duty imposed by law.

1.10 (b) Whoever physically assaults a peace officer licensed under section 626.845,
1.11 subdivision 1, when that officer is effecting a lawful arrest or executing any other duty
1.12 imposed by law is guilty of a gross misdemeanor and may be sentenced to imprisonment
1.13 for not more than one year or to payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both.

1.14 (c) Whoever commits either of the following acts against a peace officer is guilty
1.15 of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than three years or to
1.16 payment of a fine of not more than \$6,000, or both:

1.17 (1) physically assaults the officer if the assault inflicts demonstrable bodily harm;
1.18 or the person

1.19 (2) intentionally throws or otherwise transfers bodily fluids or feces at or onto the
1.20 officer, the person is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more
1.21 than three years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$6,000, or both.

1.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2016, and applies to crimes
1.23 committed on or after that date.