

SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-THIRD SESSION

S.F. No. 2555

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/06/2023	1346	Introduction and first reading Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

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A bill for an act

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relating to public safety; enhancing the penalty for assaulting a police officer;

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amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.2231, subdivision 1.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.2231, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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Subdivision 1. **Peace officers.** (a) As used in this subdivision, "peace officer" means a

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person who is licensed under section 626.845, subdivision 1, and effecting a lawful arrest

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or executing any other duty imposed by law.

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(b) Whoever physically assaults a peace officer is guilty of a ~~gross misdemeanor~~ felony

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and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than two years or to payment of a fine

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of not more than \$4,000, or both.

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(c) Whoever commits either of the following acts against a peace officer is guilty of a

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felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than three years or to payment

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of a fine of not more than \$6,000, or both: (1) physically assaults the officer if the assault

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inflicts demonstrable bodily harm; or (2) intentionally throws or otherwise transfers bodily

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fluids or feces at or onto the officer.

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**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2023, and applies to violations

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committed on or after that date.