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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to public safety; providing enhanced criminal penalties for assaulting

1.3 firefighters and medical personnel; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section

1.4 609.2231, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 609.2231, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Firefighters and emergency medical personnel.** (a) Whoever physically

1.8 assaults any of the following persons and inflicts demonstrable bodily harm is guilty of a

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

1.10 of a fine of not more than \$4,000, or both gross misdemeanor:

1.11 (1) a member of a municipal or volunteer fire department or emergency medical services

1.12 personnel unit in the performance of the member's duties; or

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

1.14 ~~emergency department.~~

1.15 (b) Whoever commits either of the following acts against a person identified in paragraph

1.16 (a), clause (1) or (2), is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not

1.17 more than three years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$6,000, or both:

1.18 (1) physically assaults the person and the assault inflicts demonstrable bodily harm; or

1.19 (2) intentionally throws or otherwise transfers bodily fluids or feces at or onto the person.

1.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2019, and applies to crimes

1.21 committed on or after that date.