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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. 3610

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- The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Security Policy and Finance
- 03/26/2018 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
- 04/12/2018 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register
- Read for the Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act

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

1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 609.2231, subdivision 1.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 609.2231, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

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

1.8 or executing any other duty imposed by law.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.16 fluids or feces at or onto the officer.

1.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2018, and applies to violations

1.18 committed on or after that date.