SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETIETH SESSION

S.F. No. 377

1.1   A bill for an act

1.2   relating to public safety; creating enhanced penalties for crimes motivated by bias;
1.3   proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609.

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

1.5   Section 1. **[609.2295] CRIMES MOTIVATED BY BIAS.**

1.6   Subdivision 1. **Crime.** A person who commits a crime because of the victim's, the

1.7   property owner's, or another's actual or perceived race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation,

1.8   disability as defined in section 363A.03, age, or national origin, is guilty of a crime motivated

1.9   by bias and may be sentenced as provided in subdivision 2, unless a greater penalty is

1.10   provided elsewhere.

1.11   Subd. 2. **Penalty.** (a) If the crime committed in violation of subdivision 1 is a felony,

1.12   the statutory maximum for the crime is 25 percent longer than the statutory maximum for

1.13   the underlying crime.

1.14   (b) If the crime committed in violation of subdivision 1 is a felony and the victim of the

1.15   crime is a child under the age of 18 years, the statutory maximum for the crime is 25 percent

1.16   longer than the statutory maximum for the underlying crime.

1.17   (c) If the crime committed in violation of subdivision 1 is a gross misdemeanor, the

1.18   person is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than three

1.19   years or to payment of a fine of not more than $5,000, or both.

1.20   (d) If the crime committed in violation of subdivision 1 is a misdemeanor, the person is

1.21   guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

2.1   **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2017, and applies to crimes

2.2   committed on or after that date.