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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; modifying the crime of assaulting medical personnel;
1.3 creating the crime of assaulting a medical security officer; creating the crime of
1.4 assaulting a community service officer; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section
1.5 609.2231, subdivisions 2, 9.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 609.2231, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Firefighters and emergency medical personnel.** Whoever assaults any of the
1.9 following persons and inflicts demonstrable bodily harm is guilty of a felony and may be
1.10 sentenced to imprisonment for not more than two years or to payment of a fine of not more
1.11 than \$4,000, or both:

1.12 (1) a member of a municipal or volunteer fire department or emergency medical services
1.13 personnel unit in the performance of the member's duties; ~~or~~

1.14 (2) a physician, nurse, or other person providing health care services in a hospital
1.15 ~~emergency department~~ or medical clinic; or

1.16 (3) a security officer providing security services in a hospital or medical clinic.

1.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2018, and applies to violations
1.18 committed on or after that date.

1.19 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 609.2231, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

1.20 Subd. 9. **Reserve officer and community service officer.** (a) A person is guilty of a
1.21 gross misdemeanor who:

2.1 (1) assaults a reserve officer as defined in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph (e),
2.2 or a community service officer, who is engaged in the performance of official public duties
2.3 at the direction of, under the control of, or on behalf of a peace officer or supervising law
2.4 enforcement officer or agency; and

2.5 (2) should reasonably know that the victim is a reserve officer or community service
2.6 officer engaged in the performance of official public duties of the peace officer, or
2.7 supervising law enforcement officer or agency.

2.8 (b) As used in this subdivision, "community service officer" means an individual, not
2.9 licensed by the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training, authorized by ordinance to
2.10 wear the uniform of a law enforcement agency and perform general-duty civilian public
2.11 safety work.

2.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2018, and applies to violations
2.13 committed on or after that date.