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

OFFICIAL STATUS

- 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.