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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

OFFICIAL STATUS

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to public safety; expanding fourth-degree assault crime related to nurses,
- 1.3 physicians, and other persons providing health care services; amending Minnesota
- 1.4 Statutes 2022, section 609.2231, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.2231, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 1.7 Subd. 2. **Firefighters and emergency medical personnel.** Whoever physically assaults
- 1.8 ~~any of the following persons~~ and inflicts demonstrable bodily harm onto a member of a
- 1.9 municipal or volunteer fire department or emergency medical services personnel unit in the
- 1.10 performance of the member's duties is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to
- 1.11 imprisonment for not more than two years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$4,000,
- 1.12 or both.
- 1.13 ~~(1) a member of a municipal or volunteer fire department or emergency medical services~~
- 1.14 ~~personnel unit in the performance of the member's duties; or~~
- 1.15 ~~(2) a physician, nurse, or other person providing health care services in a hospital~~
- 1.16 ~~emergency department.~~
- 1.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2024, and applies to crimes
- 1.18 committed on or after that date.
- 1.19 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.2231, is amended by adding a subdivision
- 1.20 to read:
- 1.21 Subd. 2b. **Nurses and physicians.** Whoever physically assaults and inflicts demonstrable
- 1.22 bodily harm on a physician, nurse, or other person providing health care services is guilty

- 2.1 of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than two years or to payment
- 2.2 of a fine of not more than \$4,000, or both.
- 2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2024, and applies to crimes
- 2.4 committed on or after that date.