

**CHAPTER 133—H.F.No. 590**

*An act relating to crime; prescribing criminal penalties for assaulting a transit operator; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 609.2231, by adding a subdivision.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 609.2231, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 11. **Transit operators.** (a) A person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor if (1) the person assaults a transit operator, or intentionally throws or otherwise transfers bodily fluids onto a transit operator; and (2) the transit operator is acting in the course of the operator's duties and is operating a transit vehicle, aboard a transit vehicle, or otherwise responsible for a transit vehicle. A person convicted under this paragraph may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than one year or to payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both.

(b) For the purposes of this subdivision, "transit operator" means a driver or operator of a transit vehicle that is used to provide any of the following services:

(1) public transit, as defined in section 174.22, subdivision 7;

(2) light rail transit service;

(3) special transportation service under section 473.386, whether provided by the Metropolitan Council or by other providers under contract with the council; or

(4) commuter rail service.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Section 1 is effective August 1, 2013, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.

Presented to the governor May 22, 2013

Signed by the governor May 24, 2013, 2:36 p.m.