

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

S.F. No. 4929

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03/13/2024	12193	Introduction and first reading Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to public safety; increasing the criminal penalty for assaulting a firefighter,

1.3 EMS personnel, or certain health care providers; amending Minnesota Statutes

1.4 2022, section 609.2231, subdivision 2.

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.** (a) Except as provided in

1.8 paragraph (b), whoever physically assaults any of the following persons and inflicts

1.9 demonstrable bodily harm is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for

1.10 not more than two years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$4,000, or both gross

1.11 misdemeanor:

1.12 (1) either:

1.13 (i) a member of a municipal or volunteer fire department in the performance of the

1.14 member's duties; or

1.15 (ii) a member of an emergency medical services personnel unit in the performance of

1.16 the member's duties; or

1.17 (2) a physician, nurse, or other person providing health care services in a hospital

1.18 emergency department.

1.19 (b) Whoever physically assaults a person described in paragraph (a), clause (1) or (2),

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

1.21 or to payment of a fine of not more than \$6,000, or both, if the assault inflicts demonstrable

1.22 bodily harm.

- 2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2024, and applies to crimes
- 2.2 committed on or after that date.