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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Security Policy and Finance

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A bill for an act
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relating to public safety; enhancing penalties for offenses against protesters;
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proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609.
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
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Section 1. [609.216] INCREASED STATUTORY MAXIMUM SENTENCES FOR
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OFFENSES AGAINST PROTESTERS.
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A person who violates section 609.19, 609.195, 609.20, 609.205, 609.2112, or 609.2113
- 1.8

is subject to a statutory maximum penalty of 25 percent longer than the maximum penalty
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otherwise applicable if the person knows that the victim is engaged in a protest at the time
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of the offense.
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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2018, and applies to violations
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committed on or after that date.
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Sec. 2. [609.2234] FELONY ASSAULT ON PROTESTER; INCREASED
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STATUTORY MAXIMUM SENTENCE.
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A person who violates section 609.221, 609.222, or 609.223 is subject to a statutory
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maximum penalty of 25 percent longer than the maximum penalty otherwise applicable if
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the person knows that the victim is engaged in a protest at the time of the assault.
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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2018, and applies to violations
- 1.19

committed on or after that date.