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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3296

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; expanding fourth-degree assault protections to code
1.3 enforcement officers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 609.2231,
1.4 subdivision 6.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 609.2231, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 6. **Public employees and agents with mandated duties.** (a) A person is
1.8 guilty of a gross misdemeanor who:

1.9 (1) assaults ~~an agricultural inspector, occupational safety and health investigator a~~
1.10 code enforcement officer, child protection worker, public health nurse, ~~animal control~~
1.11 ~~officer~~, or probation or parole officer while the employee or agent is engaged in the
1.12 performance of a duty mandated by law, court order, or ordinance;

1.13 (2) knows that the victim is a public employee or agent engaged in the performance
1.14 of the official public duties of the office; and

1.15 (3) inflicts demonstrable bodily harm.

1.16 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, "code enforcement officer" means an individual
1.17 who is an employee or agent of the state or a political subdivision of the state and is
1.18 authorized to conduct regulatory inspections or enforce regulatory laws, ordinances,
1.19 or rules, including but not limited to building standards and codes, fire codes, housing
1.20 maintenance codes, animal care and control, land use regulation, traffic control, health and
1.21 food codes, occupational safety codes, noxious weed laws, environmental regulations,
1.22 or business and trades licensing.

1.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2016, and applies to crimes
1.24 committed on or after that date.