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A bill for 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:

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

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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.

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(b) A person is guilty of a felony if the person commits an assault or engages in  
the intentional conduct described in paragraph (a) and that assault or conduct inflicts  
demonstrable bodily harm on a transit operator. A person convicted under this paragraph  
may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than two years or to payment of a fine of  
not more than \$4,000, or both.

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(c) 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:

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(1) public transit, as defined in section 174.22, subdivision 7, within the metropolitan  
area, whether provided by the Metropolitan Council or by other providers of regional  
public transit;

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(2) light rail transit service within the metropolitan area;

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

2.3           (4) commuter rail service.

2.4           (d) For the purposes of this subdivision, "metropolitan area" means the area defined  
2.5           in section 473.121, subdivision 2.

2.6           Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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