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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; expanding the offense of assaulting a minor; establishing  
1.3 the offense of assault in the third degree by strangulation; amending Minnesota  
1.4 Statutes 2018, section 609.223, subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 609.223, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. **Felony; minor victim under four**. Whoever assaults a minor victim ~~under the~~  
1.8 ~~age of four~~, and causes bodily harm to the ~~child's~~ head, eyes, or neck, or otherwise causes  
1.9 multiple bruises to the body, is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment  
1.10 for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both: if:

1.11 (1) the victim is under the age of four; or

1.12 (2) the victim is at least four but less than 18 years of age and the actor is at least 18  
1.13 years of age and more than 60 months older than the victim.

1.14 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2020, and applies to crimes  
1.15 committed on or after that date.

1.16 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 609.223, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
1.17 read:

1.18 Subd. 4. **Assault by strangulation.** Whoever assaults another by strangulation is guilty  
1.19 of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than three years or to  
1.20 payment of a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both. For purposes of this subdivision,  
1.21 "strangulation" has the meaning given in section 609.2247, subdivision 1, paragraph (c).

- 2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2020, and applies to crimes
- 2.2 committed on or after that date.