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A bill for an act

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relating to public safety; providing enhanced criminal penalties for assaulting

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firefighters and medical personnel; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section

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609.2231, subdivision 2.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 609.2231, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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Subd. 2. **Firefighters and emergency medical personnel.** (a) Whoever physically

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assaults any of the following persons ~~and inflicts demonstrable bodily harm~~ is guilty of a

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~~felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than two years or to payment~~

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~~of a fine of not more than \$4,000, or both~~ gross misdemeanor:

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(1) a member of a municipal or volunteer fire department or emergency medical services

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personnel unit in the performance of the member's duties; or

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

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~~emergency department.~~

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(b) Whoever commits either of the following acts against a person identified in paragraph

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(a), clause (1) or (2), is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not

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more than three years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$6,000, or both:

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(1) physically assaults the person and the assault inflicts demonstrable bodily harm; or

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(2) intentionally throws or otherwise transfers bodily fluids or feces at or onto the person.

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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2019, and applies to crimes

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committed on or after that date.

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