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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 3521

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The bill was referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; expanding the fourth-degree assault crime related to health
1.3 care professionals; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.2231,
1.4 subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.2231, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Firefighters and emergency medical personnel, and other health care**
1.8 **professionals.** Whoever assaults ~~any of the following persons~~ and inflicts demonstrable
1.9 bodily harm on or intentionally throws or otherwise transfers bodily fluids or feces at or
1.10 onto any of the following persons is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment
1.11 for not more than two years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$4,000, or both:

1.12 (1) a member of a municipal or volunteer fire department or emergency medical services
1.13 personnel unit in the performance of the member's duties; or

1.14 (2) a physician, nurse, or other person providing health care services ~~in a hospital~~
1.15 ~~emergency department.~~

1.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2024, and applies to crimes
1.17 committed on or after that date.