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H. F. No. 783

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; expanding fourth-degree assault protections to
1.3 employees supervising and working directly with mentally ill and dangerous
1.4 patients; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 609.2231, subdivision 3a.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 609.2231, subdivision 3a, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 3a. **Secure treatment facility personnel.** (a) As used in this subdivision,
1.9 "secure treatment facility" ~~has the meaning given~~ includes facilities listed in section
1.10 sections 253B.02, subdivision 18a, and 253D.02, subdivision 13.

1.11 (b) Whoever, while committed under chapter 253D, Minnesota Statutes 2012,
1.12 section 253B.185, or Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 526.10, commits either of the
1.13 following acts against an employee or other individual who provides care or treatment at a
1.14 secure treatment facility while the person is engaged in the performance of a duty imposed
1.15 by law, policy, or rule is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not
1.16 more than two years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$4,000, or both:

- 1.17 (1) assaults the person and inflicts demonstrable bodily harm; or
- 1.18 (2) intentionally throws or otherwise transfers bodily fluids or feces at or onto the
1.19 person.

1.20 (c) Whoever, while committed under section 253B.18, or admitted under the
1.21 provision of section 253B.10, subdivision 1, commits either of the following acts against
1.22 an employee or other individual who supervises and works directly with patients at a
1.23 secure treatment facility while the person is engaged in the performance of a duty imposed

2.1 by law, policy, or rule, is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not
2.2 more than two years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$4,000, or both:

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

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

2.6 ~~(e)~~ (d) The court shall commit a person convicted of violating ~~paragraph (b)~~ this
2.7 subdivision to the custody of the commissioner of corrections for not less than one year
2.8 and one day. The court may not, on its own motion or the prosecutor's motion, sentence a
2.9 person without regard to this paragraph. A person convicted and sentenced as required by
2.10 this paragraph is not eligible for probation, parole, discharge, work release, or supervised
2.11 release, until that person has served the full term of imprisonment as provided by law,
2.12 notwithstanding the provisions of sections 241.26, 242.19, 243.05, 244.04, 609.12, and
2.13 609.135.

2.14 ~~(d)~~ (e) Notwithstanding the statutory maximum sentence provided in ~~paragraph (b)~~
2.15 this subdivision, when a court sentences a person to the custody of the commissioner of
2.16 corrections for a violation of ~~paragraph (b)~~ this subdivision, the court shall provide that
2.17 after the person has been released from prison, the commissioner shall place the person on
2.18 conditional release for five years. The terms of conditional release are governed by sections
2.19 244.05 and 609.3455, subdivision 6, 7, or 8; and Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 609.109.

2.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2015, and applies to crimes
2.21 committed on or after that date.