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- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to public safety; providing enhanced penalties for assaulting a sports
- 1.3 official; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 609.2231, by adding a
- 1.4 subdivision.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 609.2231, is amended by adding a subdivision
- 1.7 to read:
- 1.8 Subd. 12. **Sports official.** (a) Whoever assaults a sports official while the official is
- 1.9 engaged in the performance of the official's duties, and inflicts demonstrable bodily harm,
- 1.10 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.
- 1.11 (b) As used in this subdivision, "sports official" means a person who serves as an umpire,
- 1.12 referee, judge, linesperson, timer, scorekeeper, or in another similar capacity for a youth
- 1.13 athletic activity as defined in section 121A.38, subdivision 1, paragraph (e).
- 1.14 (c) A sports official is engaged in the performance of the official's duties when the person
- 1.15 is:
- 1.16 (1) serving in a capacity described in paragraph (b);
- 1.17 (2) on the premises or in the parking lot where the youth athletic activity is taking place;
- 1.18 or
- 1.19 (3) traveling between the premises and a public transit stop or a motor vehicle.
- 1.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2019, and applies to crimes
- 1.21 committed on or after that date.