

Subject Establishing an enhanced penalty for assaulting housing and redevelopment authority employees

Authors Johnson, W.

Analyst Ben Johnson (ben.johnson@house.mn.gov)

Date March 13, 2026

Overview

Current law creates enhanced penalties when someone assaults certain individuals because of that individual's profession. The enhancement applies to assaults of peace officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel, certain DNR employees, correctional employees, judges, prosecutors, probation officers, secure treatment facility personnel, school officials, public employees with mandated duties, community crime prevention group members, reserve officers, utility and postal service employees and contractors, and transit operators.

This bill would establish enhanced penalties when someone assaults an employee or agent of an entity exercising the powers of a housing and redevelopment authority while the person is engaged in official duties or because of the person's position.

Summary

Section	Description
---------	-------------

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 | <p>Housing and redevelopment authority employees.</p> <p>Establishes a gross misdemeanor penalty for assaulting an employee or agent of an entity exercising the powers of a housing and redevelopment authority while the person is engaged in official duties or because of the person's position. Establishes a felony offense with a maximum sentence of imprisonment of two years if the assault inflicts demonstrable bodily harm. The penalty for those levels of assault would otherwise be a misdemeanor. Defines "employee or agent" for purposes of the subdivision.</p> |
|---|--|