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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 4065

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; clarifying criminal penalty provisions for assaulting transit
1.3 workers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.2231, subdivision 11.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.2231, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 11. Transit operators workers. (a) A person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor
1.7 if (1) the person assaults a transit operator worker, or intentionally throws or otherwise
1.8 transfers bodily fluids onto a transit operator worker; and (2) the transit operator worker is
1.9 acting in the course of the operator's duties and is operating a transit vehicle, aboard a transit
1.10 vehicle, or otherwise responsible for a transit vehicle engaged in the performance of the
1.11 worker's duties. A person convicted under this paragraph may be sentenced to imprisonment
1.12 for not more than 364 days or to payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both.

1.13 (b) For the purposes of this subdivision, "transit operator worker" means a driver or
1.14 operator of a transit vehicle that is used to provide any of the following services: an employee,
1.15 contractor, or volunteer working in public transportation or transit as defined under section
1.16 473.121, subdivision 19.

1.17 (1) public transportation, as defined in section 174.22, subdivision 7;

1.18 (2) light rail transit service;

1.19 (3) special transportation service under section 473.386, whether provided by the
1.20 Metropolitan Council or by other providers under contract with the council; or

1.21 (4) commuter rail service.

- 2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2026, and applies to crimes
- 2.2 committed on or after that date.