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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

H. F. No. **2652**

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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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; clarifying the offense of fourth degree assault against a  
1.3 peace officer; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 609.2231, subdivision  
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1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Peace officers.** (a) Whoever physically assaults a peace officer  
1.8 licensed under section 626.845, subdivision 1, when that officer is effecting a lawful arrest  
1.9 or executing any other duty imposed by law is guilty of a gross misdemeanor and may  
1.10 be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than one year or to payment of a fine of not  
1.11 more than \$3,000, or both. ~~If the assault~~

1.12 (b) A person who violates paragraph (a) and inflicts demonstrable bodily harm or  
1.13 ~~the person intentionally throws or otherwise transfers bodily fluids or feces at or onto the~~  
1.14 ~~officer, the person~~ is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more  
1.15 than three years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$6,000, or both.

1.16 (c) A person who intentionally throws or otherwise transfers bodily fluids or feces at  
1.17 or onto a peace officer is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not  
1.18 more than three years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$6,000, or both.