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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2220

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

03/19/2012 Adoption of Report: Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to crime; changing level of harm to demonstrable bodily harm for felony  
1.3 unreasonable restraint of a child; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section  
1.4 609.255, subdivision 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 609.255, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. **Unreasonable restraint of children.** A parent, legal guardian, or caretaker  
1.8 who intentionally subjects a child under the age of 18 years to unreasonable physical  
1.9 confinement or restraint by means including but not limited to, tying, locking, caging, or  
1.10 chaining for a prolonged period of time and in a cruel manner which is excessive under  
1.11 the circumstances, is guilty of unreasonable restraint of a child and may be sentenced to  
1.12 imprisonment for not more than one year or to payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000,  
1.13 or both. If the confinement or restraint results in ~~substantial~~ demonstrable bodily harm,  
1.14 that person may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment  
1.15 of not more than \$10,000, or both.

1.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The section is effective August 1, 2012, and applies to crimes  
1.17 committed on or after that date.