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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

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

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A bill for an act

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relating to public safety; amending the offense of unintentional murder in the

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second degree to include cases involving the violation of protective orders issued

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in certain additional jurisdictions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section

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609.19, subdivision 2.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.19, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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Subd. 2. **Unintentional murders.** Whoever does either of the following is guilty of

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unintentional murder in the second degree and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not

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more than 40 years:

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(1) causes the death of a human being, without intent to effect the death of any person,

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while committing or attempting to commit a felony offense other than criminal sexual

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conduct in the first or second degree with force or violence or a drive-by shooting; or

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(2) causes the death of a human being without intent to effect the death of any person,

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while intentionally inflicting or attempting to inflict bodily harm upon the victim, when the

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perpetrator is restrained under an order for protection and the victim is a person designated

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to receive protection under the order. As used in this clause, "order for protection" includes

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an order for protection issued under chapter 518B; a harassment restraining order issued

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under section 609.748; a court order setting conditions of pretrial release or conditions of

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a criminal sentence or juvenile court disposition; a restraining order issued in a marriage

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dissolution action; and any order issued by a court of another state or of the United States,

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the District of Columbia, Tribal Lands, United States territories, Canada, or a Canadian

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province that is similar to any of these orders.

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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to crimes

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committed on or after that date.