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H. F. No. 70

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

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to public safety; making the use of sign and release warrants optional;
- 1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 629.415, subdivision 5.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 629.415, subdivision 5, is amended to read:
- 1.6 Subd. 5. **Sign and release warrant; law enforcement duties.** (a) When a peace officer
- 1.7 encounters a defendant who is the subject of a sign and release warrant, the officer ~~shall~~
- 1.8 must inform the defendant of the missed court appearance and may provide a new notice
- 1.9 that includes a time to appear.
- 1.10 (b) If a peace officer provides notice of the new time to appear ~~shall~~, the notice must be
- 1.11 made in writing and must include the court file number or the warrant number. The defendant
- 1.12 may be asked to sign a form acknowledging receipt of the notice. A defendant may not be
- 1.13 required to sign the acknowledgment, but the peace officer or other employee may indicate
- 1.14 that a notice was given and that the defendant refused to sign.
- 1.15 (c) After providing the notice, the peace officer shall release the defendant at the scene.
- 1.16 (d) As soon as practicable after providing the notice, the peace officer shall:
- 1.17 (1) inactivate the warrant or direct the appropriate office or department to inactivate the
- 1.18 warrant; and
- 1.19 (2) submit a form or other notification that can be filed in the court's electronic filing
- 1.20 system that includes the court case number, updates the defendant's personal contact
- 1.21 information, and indicates that the defendant received notice of the new time to appear.

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**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.