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State of Minnesota  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 98

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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; providing restitution for public agencies and victims  
1.3 affected by the reporting of a fictitious emergency; amending Minnesota Statutes  
1.4 2024, section 609.78, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.78, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 2d. Restitution. (a) The court, while imposing a sentence on a person convicted  
1.9 under subdivision 2, clause (2), shall order the person to make full and complete restitution  
1.10 to:

1.11 (1) the public agency for the reasonable costs of the emergency response by that public  
1.12 agency; and

1.13 (2) a direct victim of the fictitious emergency.

1.14 (b) A restitution payment under paragraph (a) does not limit the liability for damages  
1.15 in a civil action or proceeding for an amount greater than the restitution payment.