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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 139

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

- 1.1A bill for an act
- 1.2relating to public safety; increasing the penalty for tampering with a motor vehicle;
- 1.3establishing a crime for riding in a vehicle when the person reasonably should
- 1.4have known that a vehicle was taken without permission; amending Minnesota
- 1.5Statutes 2024, section 609.546.
- 1.6BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.7Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.546, is amended to read:
- 1.8**609.546 MOTOR VEHICLE TAMPERING.**
- 1.9A person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor who intentionally:
- 1.10(1) rides in or on a motor vehicle ~~knowing~~ when the person knows or reasonably should
- 1.11know that the vehicle was taken and is being driven by another without the owner's
- 1.12permission; or
- 1.13(2) tampers with or enters into or on a motor vehicle without the owner's permission.
- 1.14**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to crimes
- 1.15committed on or after that date.