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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 144

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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; establishing the crime of fleeing in a motor vehicle and
- 1.3failing to obey certain traffic laws; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section
- 1.4609.487, by adding a subdivision.
- 1.5BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.487, is amended by adding a subdivision
- 1.7to read:
- 1.8Subd. 3a. **Fleeing officer; failure to obey signs.** Whoever flees or attempts to flee by
- 1.9means of a motor vehicle a peace officer who is acting in the lawful discharge of an official
- 1.10duty, and the perpetrator knows or should reasonably know the same to be a peace officer,
- 1.11and who in the course of fleeing in a motor vehicle does any of the following is guilty of a
- 1.12felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment
- 1.13of a fine of not more than \$10,000 or both:
- 1.14(1) fails to obey signs, signals, or markings in violation of section 169.06, subdivision
- 1.154, 4a, 4b, 5, 6, 7, or 8; or
- 1.16(2) fails to keep on the proper side of the road in violation of section 169.18.
- 1.17**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to crimes
- 1.18committed on or after that date.