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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; amending the penalty for false reporting of a crime;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 609.505, subdivision 1.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 609.505, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. **False reporting.** Whoever informs a law enforcement officer that a
1.7 crime has been committed or otherwise provides information to an on-duty peace officer,
1.8 knowing that the person is a peace officer, regarding the conduct of others, knowing
1.9 that it is false and intending that the officer shall act in reliance upon it, is guilty of a
1.10 ~~misdemeanor. A person who is convicted a second or subsequent time under this section~~
1.11 ~~is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.~~ crime and may be sentenced as follows:

1.12 (1) if the report is a false report of a misdemeanor, the person is guilty of a
1.13 misdemeanor;

1.14 (2) if the report is a false report of a gross misdemeanor, the person is guilty of a
1.15 gross misdemeanor; and

1.16 (3) if the report is a false report of a felony, the person is guilty of a felony and may
1.17 be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of
1.18 not more than \$10,000, or both.

1.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2010, and applies to crimes
1.20 committed on or after that date.