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

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; creating the crime of criminal possession or sale of
1.3 identification documents; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.4 chapter 609.

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

1.6 Section 1. [609.5275] CRIMINAL POSSESSION OR SALE OF
1.7 IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Definition. As used in this section, "identification document" means
1.9 any of the following documents issued by or purported to be issued by the United States
1.10 government or any state or local government: a passport, an immigration visa, an alien
1.11 registration card, an employment authorization document, a birth certificate, a Social
1.12 Security number or card, a military identification card, an adoption decree, a marriage
1.13 license, a driver's license, or a photo identification card.

1.14 Subd. 2. Crimes defined. Whoever knowingly does any of the following is guilty
1.15 of a crime and may be sentenced as provided in subdivision 3:

1.16 (1) possesses two or more identification documents without permission or lawful
1.17 authority; or

1.18 (2) sells or transfers two or more identification documents knowing that the recipient
1.19 or recipients are not entitled to obtain or possess the identification documents.

1.20 Subd. 3. Penalties. A person who violates subdivision 2 may be sentenced as
1.21 follows:

1.22 (1) if the violation involves two identification documents, the person is guilty of a
1.23 gross misdemeanor; and

2.1 (2) if the violation involves three or more identification documents, the person is
2.2 guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than three years
2.3 or to payment of a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2011, and applies to crimes
2.5 committed on or after that date.