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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. 1066

- 02/09/2017 Authored by Lohmer, Fenton, Dettmer, Zerwas, Cornish and others
- The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Security Policy and Finance
- 02/23/2017 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register
- Read for the Second Time
- 05/22/2017 Pursuant to Rule 4.20, returned to the Committee on Public Safety and Security Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to public safety; increasing penalties for obstructing a highway under

1.3 certain circumstances; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 609.74.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 609.74, is amended to read:

1.6 **609.74 PUBLIC NUISANCE.**

1.7 (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), whoever by an act or failure to perform a legal

1.8 duty intentionally does any of the following is guilty of maintaining a public nuisance,

1.9 which is a misdemeanor:

1.10 (1) maintains or permits a condition which unreasonably annoys, injures or endangers

1.11 the safety, health, morals, comfort, or repose of any considerable number of members of

1.12 the public; or

1.13 (2) interferes with, obstructs, or renders dangerous for passage, any public highway or

1.14 right-of-way, or waters used by the public; or

1.15 (3) is guilty of any other act or omission declared by law to be a public nuisance and for

1.16 which no sentence is specifically provided.

1.17 (b) It is a gross misdemeanor for a person to violate paragraph (a), clause (2), on a

1.18 controlled-access highway or on a public highway within airport property.

1.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2017, and applies to crimes

1.20 committed on or after that date.