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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

H. F. No. 97

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy Division

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to public safety; repealing crime of falsely reporting police misconduct;
- 1.3 repealing Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 609.505, subdivision 2.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. **REPEALER.**
- 1.6 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 609.505, subdivision 2, is repealed.

609.505 FALSELY REPORTING CRIME.

Subd. 2. **Reporting police misconduct.** (a) Whoever informs, or causes information to be communicated to, a peace officer, whose responsibilities include investigating or reporting police misconduct, that a peace officer, as defined in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), has committed an act of police misconduct, knowing that the information is false, is guilty of a crime and may be sentenced as follows:

(1) up to the maximum provided for a misdemeanor if the false information does not allege a criminal act; or

(2) up to the maximum provided for a gross misdemeanor if the false information alleges a criminal act.

(b) The court shall order any person convicted of a violation of this subdivision to make full restitution of all reasonable expenses incurred in the investigation of the false allegation unless the court makes a specific written finding that restitution would be inappropriate under the circumstances. A restitution award may not exceed \$3,000.