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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

H. F. No. **3469**

- 03/23/2016 Authored by Anderson, P.; Backer; Franson; Baker and Scott
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance
- 03/31/2016 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended
Read Second Time
- 04/04/2016 By motion, re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
- 05/02/2016 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended
Read Second Time
- 05/12/2016 Calendar for the Day
Read Third Time
Passed by the House and transmitted to the Senate
- 05/19/2016 Returned to the House as Amended by the Senate
Refused to concur and Conference Committee appointed

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to crime; modifying crime and increasing sentence of interfering with
1.3 a body or scene of death; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2014, section 609.502, subdivision 1, by adding subdivisions.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 609.502, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Concealing evidence.** ~~Whoever~~ A person is guilty of a felony and
1.8 may be sentenced under subdivision 1a if the person interferes with the body or scene of
1.9 death with intent to:

1.10 (1) conceal the body;

1.11 (2) conceal evidence; or

1.12 (3) otherwise mislead the coroner or ~~conceal evidence is guilty of a gross~~

1.13 ~~misdemeanor~~ medical examiner.

1.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 609.502, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.15 to read:

1.16 Subd. 1a. **Penalty.** A person convicted under subdivision 1 may be sentenced to
1.17 imprisonment for not more than ten years or to a payment of a fine of not more than
1.18 \$20,000 or both.

1.19 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 609.502, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.20 to read:

2.1 Subd. 1b. **Restitution** The court shall order any person convicted of a violation of
2.2 subdivision 1, clause (1), to make full restitution of all reasonable expenses incurred by a
2.3 law enforcement agency engaged in efforts to locate the body.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2016, and applies to crimes
2.5 committed on or after that date.

2.6 Sec. 4. **TITLE.**

2.7 This act shall be known as "Laura's Law."

2.8 Sec. 5. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.9 \$13,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.10 of corrections for the cost of implementing section 1. The base for this appropriation is
2.11 \$34,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$56,000 in fiscal year 2019. This appropriation is added to
2.12 the appropriation in Laws 2015, chapter 65, article 1, section 15, subdivision 2.