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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to commerce; designating the commissioner of commerce to oversee the  
1.3 Commerce Fraud Bureau and automobile theft prevention program; amending  
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 45.0135, subdivision 2a; 65B.84, by adding a  
1.5 subdivision.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 45.0135, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2a. **Authorization.** (a) The commissioner may appoint peace officers, as defined  
1.9 in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), and establish a law enforcement agency, as  
1.10 defined in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph (f), known as the Commerce Fraud  
1.11 Bureau, to conduct investigations, and to make arrests under sections 629.30 and 629.34.  
1.12 The primary jurisdiction of the law enforcement agency is limited to offenses with a nexus  
1.13 to insurance-related crimes or financial crimes.

1.14 (b) Upon request and at the commissioner's discretion, the Commerce Fraud Bureau  
1.15 may respond to a law enforcement agency's request to exercise law enforcement duties in  
1.16 cooperation with the law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the particular matter.

1.17 (c) The Commerce Fraud Bureau must allocate at least 70 percent of its work to insurance  
1.18 fraud, as defined in sections 60A.951, subdivision 4, and 609.611.

1.19 (d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the commissioner of commerce is  
1.20 responsible for the functions, programs, personnel, powers, responsibilities, duties, and  
1.21 oversight of the Commerce Fraud Bureau.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 65B.84, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
2.2 read:

2.3 Subd. 1a. **Oversight.** Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the commissioner  
2.4 of commerce is responsible for the functions, programs, personnel, powers, responsibilities,  
2.5 duties, and oversight of the automobile theft prevention program.