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NINETY-FOURTH SESSION**

S.F. No. 471

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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; prohibiting dangerous weapons in public libraries;
1.3 imposing criminal penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.66,
1.4 by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.66, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 1i. Possession in libraries; penalty. (a) As used in this subdivision:

1.9 (1) "dangerous weapon" has the meaning given in section 609.02, subdivision 6; and

1.10 (2) "public library" has the meaning given in section 134.001, subdivision 2.

1.11 (b) Except as provided under paragraphs (c) and (d), whoever knowingly possesses,
1.12 stores, or keeps a dangerous weapon while inside a public library building is guilty of a
1.13 felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment
1.14 of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both.

1.15 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), it is a misdemeanor for a person authorized to carry
1.16 a firearm under the provisions of a permit or otherwise to carry a firearm on or about the
1.17 person's clothes or person inside a public library building. Notwithstanding section 609.531,
1.18 a firearm carried in violation of this paragraph is not subject to forfeiture.

1.19 (d) This subdivision does not apply to licensed peace officers.

1.20 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to crimes
1.21 committed on or after that date.