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State of Minnesota  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2518

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to judiciary; providing that the fine amount for a payable offense does  
1.3 not override the level of offense established in law; amending Minnesota Statutes  
1.4 2012, section 609.101, subdivision 4.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 609.101, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 4. **Minimum fines; other crimes.** Notwithstanding any other law:

1.8 (1) when a court sentences a person convicted of a felony that is not listed in  
1.9 subdivision 2 or 3, it must impose a fine of not less than 30 percent of the maximum fine  
1.10 authorized by law nor more than the maximum fine authorized by law; and

1.11 (2) when a court sentences a person convicted of a gross misdemeanor or  
1.12 misdemeanor that is not listed in subdivision 2, it must impose a fine of not less than  
1.13 30 percent of the maximum fine authorized by law nor more than the maximum fine  
1.14 authorized by law, unless the fine is set at a lower amount on a uniform fine schedule  
1.15 established by the Judicial Council in consultation with affected state and local agencies.

1.16 This schedule shall be promulgated not later than September 1 of each year and shall  
1.17 become effective on January 1 of the next year unless the legislature, by law, provides  
1.18 otherwise, but in no instance shall a fine established by the Judicial Council have the effect  
1.19 of overriding the level of offense as established by law.

1.20 The minimum fine required by this subdivision is in addition to the surcharge or  
1.21 assessment required by section 357.021, subdivision 6, and is in addition to any sentence  
1.22 of imprisonment or restitution imposed or ordered by the court.