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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

H. F. No. 3138

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Civil Law

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; lowering the penalty for the performance of acts
1.3 prohibited by statutes for which no penalty is specified; applying this change
1.4 only prospectively to newly enacted or amended statutes; amending Minnesota
1.5 Statutes 2012, section 645.241.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 645.241, is amended to read:

1.8 **645.241 PUNISHMENT FOR PROHIBITED ACTS.**

1.9 (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), when the performance of any act is
1.10 prohibited by a statute, and no penalty for the violation of the same shall be imposed in
1.11 any statute, the doing of such act shall be a misdemeanor.

1.12 (b) When the performance of any act is prohibited by a statute enacted or amended
1.13 after July 1, 2014, and no penalty for the violation of the same shall be imposed in any
1.14 statute, the doing of such act shall be a petty misdemeanor.