A bill for an act

relating to public safety; extending the felony of fraudulent or other improper finance statements to include retaliation against a sheriff for executing the duties connected with a sheriff's sale of real property or county recorder for executing the duties connected with a lien placed on real property; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 609.7475, subdivision 3.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 609.7475, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Penalties.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a person who violates subdivision 2 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

(b) A person who violates subdivision 2 is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than $10,000, or both, if the person:

(1) commits the offense with intent to influence or otherwise tamper with a juror or a judicial proceeding or with intent to retaliate against:

(i) a judicial officer, as defined in section 609.415~~, or~~;

(ii) a prosecutor, defense attorney, or officer of the court, because of that person's performance of official duties in connection with a judicial proceeding;

(iii) a sheriff or deputy sheriff because of that person's performance of official duties in connection with a sheriff's sale of real property; or

(iv) a county recorder because of that person's performance of official duties in connection with the filing of liens placed on real property; or

(2) commits the offense after having been previously convicted of a violation of this section.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2010, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.