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State of Minnesota  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

H. F. No. 431

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance

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; amending Minnesota  
1.4 Statutes 2014, section 645.241.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 645.241, is amended to read:

1.7 **645.241 PUNISHMENT FOR PROHIBITED ACTS.**

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

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

1.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2015, and applies to acts  
1.15 committed on or after that date.