

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION**

**S.F. No. 405**

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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; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota  
 1.5 Statutes, chapter 5B.

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

1.7 Section 1. **[5B.13] CRIMINAL PENALTY.**

1.8 When the performance of any act is prohibited under this chapter as of February  
 1.9 1, 2015, but no criminal or civil penalty is provided, the commission of the act is a  
 1.10 misdemeanor.

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

1.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 645.241, is amended to read:

1.14 **645.241 PUNISHMENT FOR PROHIBITED ACTS.**

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

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

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