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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 451

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to crime; including scrap vehicle operators in crime of receiving stolen
1.3 property; increasing the penalty for certain scrap metal violations; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 609.526.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 609.526, is amended to read:

1.7 609.526 PRECIOUS METAL AND SCRAP METAL DEALERS; RECEIVING
1.8 STOLEN PROPERTY.

1.9 Subdivision 1. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the meanings
1.10 given:

1.11 (1) "precious metal dealer" has the meaning given in section 325F.731, subdivision 2;

1.12 and

1.13 (2) "scrap metal dealer" has the meaning given in section 325E.21, subdivision 1; and

1.14 (3) "scrap vehicle operator" has the meaning given in section 168A.1501, subdivision
1.15 1.

1.16 Subd. 2. Crime described. Any precious metal dealer or scrap metal dealer, or scrap
1.17 vehicle operator or any person employed by a dealer or operator, who receives, possesses,
1.18 transfers, buys, or conceals any stolen property or property obtained by robbery, knowing
1.19 or having reason to know the property was stolen or obtained by robbery, may be sentenced
1.20 as follows:

2.1 (1) if the value of the property received, bought, or concealed is \$1,000 or more, to
2.2 imprisonment for not more than ten years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$50,000,
2.3 or both;

2.4 (2) if the value of the property received, bought, or concealed is less than \$1,000 but
2.5 more than ~~\$500~~ \$100, to imprisonment for not more than three years or to payment of a
2.6 fine of not more than \$25,000, or both;

2.7 (3) if the value of the property received, bought, or concealed is ~~\$500~~ \$100 or less, to
2.8 imprisonment for not more than 90 days or to payment of a fine of not more than \$1,000,
2.9 or both.

2.10 Any person convicted of violating this section a second or subsequent time within a
2.11 period of one year may be sentenced as provided in clause (1).