

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to public safety; clarifying that the aggravated forgery law covers  
1.3 documents associated with federal I-9 employment eligibility verification forms;  
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 609.625, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 609.625, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Making or altering writing or object.** Whoever, with intent to  
1.8 defraud, falsely makes or alters a writing or object of any of the following kinds so that it  
1.9 purports to have been made by another or by the maker or alterer under an assumed or  
1.10 fictitious name, or at another time, or with different provisions, or by authority of one  
1.11 who did not give such authority, is guilty of aggravated forgery and may be sentenced  
1.12 to imprisonment for not more than ten years or to payment of a fine of not more than  
1.13 \$20,000, or both:

1.14 (1) a writing or object whereby, when genuine, legal rights, privileges, or obligations  
1.15 are created, terminated, transferred, or evidenced, or any writing normally relied upon as  
1.16 evidence of debt or property rights, other than a check as defined in section 609.631 or a  
1.17 financial transaction card as defined in section 609.821; or

1.18 (2) an official seal or the seal of a corporation; or

1.19 (3) a public record or an official authentication or certification of a copy thereof; or

1.20 (4) an official return or certificate entitled to be received as evidence of its contents;

1.21 or

1.22 (5) a court order, judgment, decree, or process; or

1.23 (6) the records or accounts of a public body, office, or officer; or

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2.1 (7) the records or accounts of a bank or person, with whom funds of the state or any  
2.2 of its agencies or subdivisions are deposited or entrusted, relating to such funds; or

2.3 (8) any document described, as of March 1, 2009, in list A, B, or C of the United  
2.4 States Citizenship and Immigration Services' I-9 employment eligibility verification form.

2.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2009, and applies to crimes  
2.6 committed on or after that date.