## SENATE STATE OF MINNESOTA EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

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5730	Introduction and first reading
	Referred to Judiciary
5793a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance
	Joint rule 2.03, referred to Rules and Administration
6781	Joint rule 2.03 Suspended adopt previous committee report
6982a	Comm report: To pass as amended
7003	Second reading
7032a	Special Order: Amended
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A bill for an act 1.1 relating to criminal justice; modifying the thresholds for certain controlled 12 substance crimes; creating new offenses specific to the possession of marijuana 1.3 plants; creating a new offense for possessing trace amounts of certain controlled 1.4 substances; eliminating mandatory minimum sentences for lower level controlled 1.5 substance crimes; establishing a new account in the state treasury; appropriating 1.6 money while reducing other appropriations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, 1.7 sections 152.01, subdivision 16a, by adding a subdivision; 152.021; 152.022; 1.8 152.023; 152.024; 152.025; 152.026; 152.092; 152.18, subdivision 1; 244.0513, 19 subdivisions 2, 5; 244.09, subdivision 6; 388.051; 609.11, subdivisions 5a, 8; 1.10 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 299A; repealing 1.11 Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 244.0513, subdivision 6. 1.12

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 152.01, subdivision 16a, is amended to read:

Subd. 16a. **Subsequent controlled substance conviction.** Notwithstanding section 152.18, subdivision 1, A "subsequent controlled substance conviction" means that before commission of the offense for which the person is convicted under this chapter, the person received a disposition for a felony-level offense under section 152.18, subdivision 1, was convicted in Minnesota of a felony violation of this chapter or a felony-level attempt or conspiracy to violate this chapter was convicted of a violation of section 152.021 or 152.022, including an attempt or conspiracy, or was convicted elsewhere for conduct that would have been a felony under this chapter if committed in Minnesota. An earlier disposition for a felony-level offense under section 152.18, subdivision 1, or an earlier conviction is not relevant if of a similar offense by the United States or another state, provided that ten years have not elapsed since discharge from sentence or stay of adjudication.

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	c. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 152.01, is amended by adding a subdivision
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	Subd. 24. Aggravating factor. Each of the following is an "aggravating factor":
	(1) the defendant, within the previous ten years, has been convicted of a violent
erime	e, as defined in section 609.1095, subdivision 1, paragraph (d), other than a violation
of a p	provision under this chapter, including an attempt or conspiracy, or was convicted
of a s	imilar offense by the United States or another state;
	(2) the offense was committed for the benefit of a gang under section 609.229;
	(3) the offense involved separate acts of sale or possession of a controlled substance
n thr	ee or more counties;
	(4) the offense involved the transfer of controlled substances across a state or
nterr	national border and into Minnesota;
	(5) the offense involved at least three separate transactions in which controlled
ubst	ances were sold, transferred, or possessed with intent to sell or transfer;
	(6) the circumstances of the offense reveal the offender to have occupied a high
ositi	on in the drug distribution hierarchy;
	(7) the defendant used a position or status to facilitate the commission of the offense
nclu	ding positions of trust, confidence, or fiduciary relationships;
	(8) the offense involved the sale of a controlled substance to a person under the age
of 18	or a vulnerable adult as defined in section 609.232, subdivision 11;
	(9) the defendant or an accomplice manufactured, possessed, or sold a controlled
subst	ance in a school zone, park zone, correctional facility, or drug treatment facility; or
	(10) the defendant or an accomplice possessed equipment, drug paraphernalia,
docui	ments, or money evidencing that the offense involved the cultivation, manufacture,
distri	bution, or possession of controlled substances in quantities substantially larger than
the m	inimum threshold amount for the offense.
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3.1	Subdivision 1. Sale crimes. A person is guilty of controlled substance crime in
3.2	the first degree if:
3.3	(1) on one or more occasions within a 90-day period the person unlawfully sells one
3.4	or more mixtures of a total weight of ten 17 grams or more containing cocaine, heroin, or
3.5	methamphetamine;
3.6	(2) on one or more occasions within a 90-day period the person unlawfully sells
3.7	one or more mixtures of a total weight of ten grams or more containing cocaine or
3.8	methamphetamine and:
3.9	(i) the person or an accomplice possesses on their person or within immediate reach,
3.10	or uses, whether by brandishing, displaying, threatening with, or otherwise employing, a
3.11	firearm; or
3.12	(ii) the offense involves two aggravating factors;
3.13	(3) on one or more occasions within a 90-day period the person unlawfully sells one
3.14	or more mixtures of a total weight of ten grams or more containing heroin;
3.15	(2) (4) on one or more occasions within a 90-day period the person unlawfully sells
3.16	one or more mixtures of a total weight of 50 grams or more containing a narcotic drug
3.17	other than cocaine, heroin, or methamphetamine;
3.18	(3) (5) on one or more occasions within a 90-day period the person unlawfully sells
3.19	one or more mixtures of a total weight of 50 grams or more containing amphetamine,
3.20	phencyclidine, or hallucinogen or, if the controlled substance is packaged in dosage units,
3.21	equaling 200 or more dosage units; or
3.22	(4) (6) on one or more occasions within a 90-day period the person unlawfully sells
3.23	one or more mixtures of a total weight of <u>50 25</u> kilograms or more containing marijuana or
3.24	Tetrahydrocannabinols, or one or more mixtures of a total weight of 25 kilograms or more
3.25	containing marijuana or Tetrahydrocannabinols in a school zone, a park zone, a public
3.26	housing zone, or a drug treatment facility.
3.27	Subd. 2. Possession crimes. (a) A person is guilty of a controlled substance crime
3.28	in the first degree if:
3.29	(1) the person unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures of a total weight of 25 50
3.30	grams or more containing cocaine, heroin, or methamphetamine;
3.31	(2) the person unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures of a total weight of 25
3.32	grams or more containing cocaine or methamphetamine and:
3.33	(i) the person or an accomplice possesses on their person or within immediate reach,
3.34	or uses, whether by brandishing, displaying, threatening with, or otherwise employing, a
3.35	firearm; or
3.36	(ii) the offense involves two aggravating factors;

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4.1	(3) the person unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures of a total weight of 25
4.2	grams or more containing heroin;
4.3	(2) (4) the person unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures of a total weight of 500
4.4	grams or more containing a narcotic drug other than cocaine, heroin, or methamphetamine;
4.5	(3) (5) the person unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures of a total weight of
4.6	500 grams or more containing amphetamine, phencyclidine, or hallucinogen or, if the
4.7	controlled substance is packaged in dosage units, equaling 500 or more dosage units; or
4.8	(4) (6) the person unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures of a total weight of
4.9	100 50 kilograms or more containing marijuana or Tetrahydrocannabinols, or possesses
4.10	500 or more marijuana plants.
4.11	(b) For the purposes of this subdivision, the weight of fluid used in a water pipe may
4.12	not be considered in measuring the weight of a mixture except in cases where the mixture
4.13	contains four or more fluid ounces of fluid.
4.14	Subd. 2a. Methamphetamine manufacture crime. (a) Notwithstanding
4.15	subdivision 1, sections 152.022, subdivision 1, 152.023, subdivision 1, and 152.024,
4.16	subdivision 1, a person is guilty of controlled substance crime in the first degree if the
4.17	person manufactures any amount of methamphetamine.
4.18	(b) [Renumbered 152.0262, subdivision 1]
4.19	Subd. 2b. Aggravated controlled substance crime in the first degree. A person is
4.20	guilty of aggravated controlled substance crime in the first degree if the person violates
4.21	subdivision 1, clause (1), (2), (3), (4), or (5), or subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (1),
4.22	(2), or (3), and the person or an accomplice sells or possesses 100 or more grams or 500 or
4.23	more dosage units of a mixture containing the controlled substance at issue and:
4.24	(1) the person or an accomplice possesses on their person or within immediate reach,
4.25	or uses, whether by brandishing, displaying, threatening with, or otherwise employing, a
4.26	firearm; or
4.27	(2) the offense involves two aggravating factors.
4.28	Subd. 3. Penalty. (a) A person convicted under subdivisions 1 to 2a, paragraph (a),
4.29	may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than 30 years or to payment of a fine of
4.30	not more than \$1,000,000, or both.
4.31	(b) If the conviction is a subsequent controlled substance conviction, a person
4.32	convicted under subdivisions 1 to 2a, paragraph (a), shall be committed to the
4.33	commissioner of corrections for not less than four years nor more than 40 years and, in
4.34	addition, may be sentenced to payment of a fine of not more than \$1,000,000.
4.35	(a) If the defendant is convicted under subdivision 1, clause (1), (2), (4), or (5)
	(c) If the defendant is convicted under subdivision 1, clause (1), (2), (3), (4), or (5),

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sold or possessed 100 or more grams or 500 or more dosage units of a mixture containing the controlled substance at issue, that person shall be committed to the commissioner of corrections for not less than 65 months or the presumptive fixed sentence under the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines, whichever is greater, nor more than 40 years and may be sentenced to payment of a fine of not more than \$1,000,000, or both. If a person to be sentenced under this paragraph for a conviction under subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (1), (2), or (3), has not previously been convicted of an offense under section 152.021, 152.022, or 152.023, or of a similar offense by the United States or another state, the prosecutor may, prior to the time of sentencing, file a motion to have the person sentenced without regard to the mandatory minimum sentence established by this paragraph. The motion shall be accompanied by a statement on the record of the reasons for it. When presented with the motion, or on its own motion, the court may sentence the person without regard to this mandatory minimum sentence if the court finds substantial and compelling reasons to do so; such a sentence is a departure from the Sentencing Guidelines.

- (d) A person convicted under subdivision 2b shall be committed to the commissioner of corrections for not less than 86 months or the presumptive fixed sentence under the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines, whichever is greater, nor more than 40 years and may be sentenced to payment of a fine of not more than \$1,000,000, or both.
- (e) In a prosecution under <u>subdivision</u> <u>subdivisions</u> 1 <u>to 2b</u> involving sales by the same person in two or more counties within a 90-day period, the person may be prosecuted for all of the sales in any county in which one of the sales occurred.
- **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2016, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.
  - Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 152.022, is amended to read:

#### 152.022 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE CRIME IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

- Subdivision 1. **Sale crimes.** A person is guilty of controlled substance crime in the second degree if:
- (1) on one or more occasions within a 90-day period the person unlawfully sells one or more mixtures of a total weight of three ten grams or more containing eocaine, a narcotic drug other than heroin, or methamphetamine;
- (2) on one or more occasions within a 90-day period the person unlawfully sells one or more mixtures of a total weight of three grams or more containing cocaine or methamphetamine and:

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6.1	(i) the person or an accomplice possesses on their person or within immediate reach
6.2	or uses, whether by brandishing, displaying, threatening with, or otherwise employing, a
6.3	firearm; or
6.4	(ii) the offense involves three aggravating factors;
6.5	(3) on one or more occasions within a 90-day period the person unlawfully sells one
6.6	or more mixtures of a total weight of ten three grams or more containing a narcotic drug
6.7	other than eocaine, heroin, or methamphetamine;
6.8	(3) (4) on one or more occasions within a 90-day period the person unlawfully sells
6.9	one or more mixtures of a total weight of ten grams or more containing amphetamine,
6.10	phencyclidine, or hallucinogen or, if the controlled substance is packaged in dosage units,
6.11	equaling 50 or more dosage units;
6.12	(4) (5) on one or more occasions within a 90-day period the person unlawfully sells
6.13	one or more mixtures of a total weight of 25 ten kilograms or more containing marijuana
6.14	or Tetrahydrocannabinols;
6.15	(5) (6) the person unlawfully sells any amount of a Schedule I or II narcotic drug
6.16	to a person under the age of 18, or conspires with or employs a person under the age
6.17	of 18 to unlawfully sell the substance; or
6.18	(6) $(7)$ the person unlawfully sells any of the following in a school zone, a park zone
6.19	a public housing zone, or a drug treatment facility:
6.20	(i) any amount of a Schedule I or II narcotic drug, lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD)
6.21	3,4-methylenedioxy amphetamine, or 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine;
6.22	(ii) one or more mixtures containing methamphetamine or amphetamine; or
6.23	(iii) one or more mixtures of a total weight of five kilograms or more containing
6.24	marijuana or Tetrahydrocannabinols.
6.25	Subd. 2. Possession crimes. (a) A person is guilty of controlled substance crime
6.26	in the second degree if:
6.27	(1) the person unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures of a total weight of six 25
6.28	grams or more containing cocaine, heroin, or methamphetamine;
6.29	(2) the person unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures of a total weight of ten
6.30	grams or more containing cocaine or methamphetamine and:
6.31	(i) the person or an accomplice possesses on their person or within immediate reach
6.32	or uses, whether by brandishing, displaying, threatening with, or otherwise employing, a
6.33	firearm; or
6.34	(ii) the offense involves three aggravating factors;
6.35	(3) the person unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures of a total weight of six
6.36	grams or more containing heroin;

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- (3) (5) the person unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures of a total weight of 50 grams or more containing amphetamine, phencyclidine, or hallucinogen or, if the controlled substance is packaged in dosage units, equaling 100 or more dosage units; or
- (4) (6) the person unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures of a total weight of 50 25 kilograms or more containing marijuana or Tetrahydrocannabinols, or possesses 100 or more marijuana plants.
- (b) For the purposes of this subdivision, the weight of fluid used in a water pipe may not be considered in measuring the weight of a mixture except in cases where the mixture contains four or more fluid ounces of fluid.
- Subd. 3. **Penalty.** (a) A person convicted under subdivision 1 or 2 may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than 25 years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$500,000, or both.
- (b) If the conviction is a subsequent controlled substance conviction, a person convicted under subdivision 1 or 2 shall be committed to the commissioner of corrections for not less than three years nor more than 40 years and, in addition, may be sentenced to payment of a fine of not more than \$500,000.
- (c) In a prosecution under subdivision 1 involving sales by the same person in two or more counties within a 90-day period, the person may be prosecuted for all of the sales in any county in which one of the sales occurred.
- **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2016, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.
  - Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 152.023, is amended to read:

#### 152.023 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE CRIME IN THE THIRD DEGREE.

- Subdivision 1. **Sale crimes.** A person is guilty of controlled substance crime in the third degree if:
  - (1) the person unlawfully sells one or more mixtures containing a narcotic drug;
- (2) on one or more occasions within a 90-day period the person unlawfully sells one or more mixtures containing phencyclidine or hallucinogen, it is packaged in dosage units, and equals ten or more dosage units;
- (3) the person unlawfully sells one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in Schedule I, II, or III, except a Schedule I or II narcotic drug, to a person under the age of 18;

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(4) the person conspires with or employs a person under the age of 18 to unlawfully
sell one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance listed in Schedule I, II, or III,
except a Schedule I or II narcotic drug; or

- (5) on one or more occasions within a 90-day period the person unlawfully sells one or more mixtures of a total weight of five kilograms or more containing marijuana or Tetrahydrocannabinols.
- Subd. 2. **Possession crimes.** (a) A person is guilty of controlled substance crime in the third degree if:
- (1) on one or more occasions within a 90-day period the person unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures of a total weight of three ten grams or more containing eocaine, a narcotic drug other than heroin, or methamphetamine;
- (2) on one or more occasions within a 90-day period the person unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures of a total weight of ten three grams or more containing a nareotic drug other than cocaine, heroin, or methamphetamine;
- (3) on one or more occasions within a 90-day period the person unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures containing a narcotic drug, it is packaged in dosage units, and equals 50 or more dosage units;
- (4) on one or more occasions within a 90-day period the person unlawfully possesses any amount of a schedule I or II narcotic drug or five or more dosage units of lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), 3,4-methylenedioxy amphetamine, or 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine in a school zone, a park zone, a public housing zone, or a drug treatment facility;
- (5) on one or more occasions within a 90-day period the person unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures of a total weight of ten kilograms or more containing marijuana or Tetrahydrocannabinols; or
- (6) the person unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures containing methamphetamine or amphetamine in a school zone, a park zone, a public housing zone, or a drug treatment facility.
- (b) For the purposes of this subdivision, the weight of fluid used in a water pipe may not be considered in measuring the weight of a mixture except in cases where the mixture contains four or more fluid ounces of fluid.
- Subd. 3. **Penalty.** (a) A person convicted under subdivision 1 or 2 may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than 20 years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$250,000, or both.
- (b) If the conviction is a subsequent controlled substance conviction, a person convicted under subdivision 1 or 2 shall be committed to the commissioner of corrections

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for not less than two years nor more than 30 years and, in addition, may be sentenced to payment of a fine of not more than \$250,000.

(e) (b) In a prosecution under subdivision 1 or 2 involving sales or acts of possession by the same person in two or more counties within a 90-day period, the person may be prosecuted in any county in which one of the sales or acts of possession occurred.

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Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 152.024, is amended to read:

#### 152.024 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE CRIME IN THE FOURTH DEGREE.

Subdivision 1. **Sale crimes.** A person is guilty of controlled substance crime in the fourth degree if:

- (1) the person unlawfully sells one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in Schedule I, II, or III, except marijuana or Tetrahydrocannabinols;
- (2) the person unlawfully sells one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in Schedule IV or V to a person under the age of 18;
- (3) the person conspires with or employs a person under the age of 18 to unlawfully sell a controlled substance classified in Schedule IV or V; or
- (4) the person unlawfully sells any amount of marijuana or Tetrahydrocannabinols in a school zone, a park zone, a public housing zone, or a drug treatment facility, except a small amount for no remuneration.
- Subd. 2. **Possession crimes.** A person is guilty of controlled substance crime in the fourth degree if:
- (1) the person unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures containing phencyclidine or hallucinogen, it is packaged in dosage units, and equals ten or more dosage units; or
- (2) the person unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in Schedule I, II, or III, except marijuana or Tetrahydrocannabinols, with the intent to sell it.
- Subd. 3. **Penalty.** (a) A person convicted under subdivision 1 or 2 may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than 15 years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$100,000, or both.
- (b) If the conviction is a subsequent controlled substance conviction, a person convicted under subdivision 1 or 2 shall be committed to the commissioner of corrections or to a local correctional authority for not less than one year nor more than 30 years and, in addition, may be sentenced to payment of a fine of not more than \$100,000.

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Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 152.025, is amended to read:

#### 152.025 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE CRIME IN THE FIFTH DEGREE.

Subdivision 1. **Sale crimes.** (a) A person is guilty of a controlled substance crime in the fifth degree and if convicted upon conviction 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 as provided in subdivision 3 if:

- (1) the person unlawfully sells one or more mixtures containing marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinols, except a small amount of marijuana for no remuneration; or
- (2) the person unlawfully sells one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in Schedule IV.
- (b) Except as provided in paragraph (c), if a person is guilty of a controlled substance crime in the fifth degree and the conviction is a subsequent controlled substance conviction, the person convicted shall be committed to the commissioner of corrections or to a local correctional authority for not less than six months nor more than ten years and, in addition, may be sentenced to payment of a fine of not more than \$20,000 if:
- (1) the person unlawfully sells one or more mixtures containing marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinols, except a small amount of marijuana for no remuneration; or
- (2) the person unlawfully sells one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in Schedule IV.
- (e) Prior to the time of sentencing, the prosecutor may file a motion to have the person sentenced without regard to the mandatory minimum sentence established by paragraph (b). The motion must be accompanied by a statement on the record of the reasons for it. When presented with the motion, or on its own motion, the court may sentence the person without regard to the mandatory minimum sentence if the court finds, on the record, substantial and compelling reasons to do so.
- Subd. 2. **Possession and other crimes.** (a) A person is guilty of controlled substance crime in the fifth degree and if convicted upon conviction 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 as provided in subdivision 3 if:
- (1) the person unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in Schedule I, II, III, or IV, except a small amount of marijuana; or
- (2) the person procures, attempts to procure, possesses, or has control over a controlled substance by any of the following means:

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11.1	(i) fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge;
11.2	(ii) using a false name or giving false credit; or
11.3	(iii) falsely assuming the title of, or falsely representing any person to be, a
11.4	manufacturer, wholesaler, pharmacist, physician, doctor of osteopathy licensed to practice
11.5	medicine, dentist, podiatrist, veterinarian, or other authorized person for the purpose of
11.6	obtaining a controlled substance.
11.7	(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c), if a person is guilty of a controlled
11.8	substance crime in the fifth degree and the conviction is a subsequent controlled substance
11.9	conviction, the person convicted shall be committed to the commissioner of corrections or
11.10	to a local correctional authority for not less than six months nor more than ten years and,
11.11	in addition, may be sentenced to payment of a fine of not more than \$20,000 if:
11.12	(1) the person unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures containing a controlled
11.13	substance classified in Schedule I, II, III, or IV, except a small amount of marijuana; or
11.14	(2) the person procures, attempts to procure, possesses, or has control over a
11.15	controlled substance by any of the following means:
11.16	(i) fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge;
11.17	(ii) using a false name or giving false credit; or
11.18	(iii) falsely assuming the title of, or falsely representing any person to be, a
11.19	manufacturer, wholesaler, pharmacist, physician, doctor of osteopathy licensed to practice
11.20	medicine, dentist, podiatrist, veterinarian, or other authorized person for the purpose of
11.21	obtaining a controlled substance.
11.22	(e) Prior to the time of sentencing, the prosecutor may file a motion to have the
11.23	person sentenced without regard to the mandatory minimum sentence established by
11.24	paragraph (b). The motion must be accompanied by a statement on the record of the
11.25	reasons for it. When presented with the motion, or on its own motion, the court may
11.26	sentence the person without regard to the mandatory minimum sentence if the court finds,
11.27	on the record, substantial and compelling reasons to do so.
11.28	Subd. 3. Penalty. (a) A person convicted under the provisions of subdivision 2,
11.29	clause (1), who has not been previously convicted of a violation of this chapter or a similar
11.30	offense in another jurisdiction, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor if: (1) the amount of the
11.31	controlled substance possessed, other than heroin, is less than 0.25 grams or one dosage
11.32	unit or less if the controlled substance was possessed in dosage units; or (2) the controlled
11.33	substance possessed is heroin and the amount possessed is less than 0.05 grams.

(b) A person convicted under the provisions of subdivision 1; subdivision 2, clause

(1), unless the conduct is described in paragraph (a); or subdivision 2, clause (2), may

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12.1	be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of			
12.2	not more than \$10,000, or both.			
12.3	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE.</b> This section is effective August 1, 2016, and applies to crimes			
12.4	committed on or after that date.			
12.5	Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 152.026, is amended to read:			
12.6	152.026 MANDATORY SENTENCES.			
12.7	A defendant convicted and sentenced to a mandatory sentence under sections			
12.8	section 152.021 to 152.025 and 152.0262 or 152.022 is not eligible for probation, parole,			
12.9	discharge, or supervised release until that person has served the full term of imprisonment			
12.10	as provided by law, notwithstanding sections 242.19, 243.05, 609.12, and 609.135. "Term			
12.11	of imprisonment" has the meaning given in section 244.01, subdivision 8.			
12.12	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE.</b> This section is effective August 1, 2016, and applies to crimes			
12.13	committed on or after that date.			
12.14	Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 152.092, is amended to read:			
12.15	152.092 POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA PROHIBITED.			
12.16	(a) It is unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally to use or to possess drug			
12.17	paraphernalia. Any violation of this section is a petty misdemeanor.			
12.18	(b) A person who violates paragraph (a) and has previously violated paragraph (a)			
12.19	on two or more occasions has committed a crime and may be sentenced to imprisonment			
12.20	for up to 90 days or to payment of a fine up to \$1,000, or both.			
12.21	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE.</b> This section is effective August 1, 2016, and applies to crimes			
12.22	committed on or after that date.			
12.23	Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 152.18, subdivision 1, is amended to read:			
12.24	Subdivision 1. Deferring prosecution for certain first time drug offenders. H			
12.25	(a) A court may defer prosecution as provided in paragraph (c) for any person found			
12.26	guilty, after trial or upon a plea of guilty, of a violation of section 152.023, subdivision			
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or who (2) has not previously been placed on probation without a judgment of guilty and thereafter been discharged from probation under this section is found guilty of a violation of section 152.024, subdivision 2, 152.025, subdivision 2, or 152.027, subdivision 2, 3, 4, or 6, paragraph (d), for possession of a controlled substance, after trial or upon a plea of guilty, and the court determines that the violation does not qualify as a subsequent controlled substance conviction under section 152.01, subdivision 16a,; and

- (3) has not been convicted of a felony violation of this chapter, including a felony-level attempt or conspiracy, or been convicted by the United States or another state of a similar offense that would have been a felony under this chapter if committed in Minnesota, unless ten years have elapsed since discharge from sentence.
- (b) The court must defer prosecution as provided in paragraph (c) for any person found guilty of a violation of section 152.025, subdivision 2, who:
  - (1) meets the criteria listed in paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3); and
- (2) has not previously been convicted of a felony offense under any state or federal law or of a gross misdemeanor under section 152.025.
- (c) In granting relief under this section, the court may shall, without entering a judgment of guilty and with the consent of the person, defer further proceedings and place the person on probation upon such reasonable conditions as it may require and for a period, not to exceed the maximum sentence provided for the violation. The court may give the person the opportunity to attend and participate in an appropriate program of education regarding the nature and effects of alcohol and drug abuse as a stipulation of probation. Upon violation of a condition of the probation, the court may enter an adjudication of guilt and proceed as otherwise provided. The court may, in its discretion, dismiss the proceedings against the person and discharge the person from probation before the expiration of the maximum period prescribed for the person's probation. If during the period of probation the person does not violate any of the conditions of the probation, then upon expiration of the period the court shall discharge the person and dismiss the proceedings against that person. Discharge and dismissal under this subdivision shall be without court adjudication of guilt, but a not public record of it shall be retained by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for the purpose of use by the courts in determining the merits of subsequent proceedings against the person. The not public record may also be opened only upon court order for purposes of a criminal investigation, prosecution, or sentencing. Upon request by law enforcement, prosecution, or corrections authorities, the bureau shall notify the requesting party of the existence of the not public record and the right to seek a court order to open it pursuant to this section. The court shall forward a record of any discharge and dismissal under this subdivision to the bureau which shall

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Sec. 11.	Minnesota Statutes 2	2014, section 2	44.0513, subdivision 2	2, is amended to read:
Subd	. 2. Conditional rel	ease of certain	nonviolent controlle	ed substance
offenders.	An offender who has	s been committ	ed to the commission	er's custody may
petition the	commissioner for co	onditional relea	se from prison before	the offender's
scheduled s	supervised release da	te or target rele	ease date if:	
(1) th	e offender is serving	a sentence for	violating section 152.0	021, subdivision 2 or
2a; 152.022	2, subdivision 2; 152.	.023, subdivisio	on 2; 152.024 <del>, subdivi</del>	<del>sion 2</del> ; or 152.025 <del>,</del>
subdivision	<del>-2</del> ;			
(2) th	e offender committee	d the crime as a	result of a controlled	substance addiction;
(3) th	e offender has served	d at least:		
<u>(i) 18</u>	months or one-half	of the offender	's term of imprisonme	nt, whichever is
less, if the	offense for which the	offender is see	eking conditional relea	ase is a violation of
section 152	2.024 or 152.025; or			
<u>(ii)</u> 30	6 months or one-half	of the offender	's term of imprisonme	nt, whichever is less,
if the offen	se for which the offer	nder is seeking	conditional release is	a violation of section
<u>152.021, su</u>	ıbdivision 2 or 2a, 15	2.022, subdivis	sion 2, or 152.023, sub	odivision 2;
(4) th	e offender successful	lly completed a	chemical dependency	treatment program
of the type	described in this sec	tion while in pr	rison;	
(5) th	e offender has not pre	eviously been co	onditionally released u	under this section; and
(6) th	e offender has not w	ithin the past to	en years been convicte	ed or adjudicated
delinquent	for a violent crime a	s defined in sec	ction 609.1095 other th	han the current
conviction	for the controlled sul	bstance offense		

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#### **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2016.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 244.0513, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Additional requirements.** To be eligible for release under this section,

an offender shall sign a written contract with the commissioner agreeing to comply with

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the requirements of this section and the conditions imposed by the commissioner. In addition to other items, the contract must specifically refer to the term of imprisonment extension in subdivision 6. In addition, the offender shall agree to submit to random drug and alcohol tests and electronic or home monitoring as determined by the commissioner or the offender's supervising agent. The commissioner may impose additional requirements on the offender that are necessary to carry out the goals of this section.

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2016.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 244.09, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. Clearinghouse and information center. The commission, in addition to establishing Sentencing Guidelines, shall serve as a clearinghouse and information center for the collection, preparation, analysis and dissemination of information on state and local sentencing practices, and shall conduct ongoing research regarding Sentencing Guidelines, use of imprisonment and alternatives to imprisonment, plea bargaining, and other matters relating to the improvement of the criminal justice system. The commission shall from time to time make recommendations to the legislature regarding changes in the Criminal Code, criminal procedures, and other aspects of sentencing.

This information shall include information regarding the impact of statutory changes to the state's criminal laws related to controlled substances, including those changes enacted by the legislature in this act.

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2016.

#### Sec. 14. [299A.707] COMMUNITY JUSTICE REINVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

Subdivision 1. Account established. The community justice reinvestment account is established in the special revenue fund.

Subd. 2. Account purpose, grants. Money in this account shall be allocated by a grant program administered by the commissioner of public safety through the Office of Justice Programs. Local units of government and nonprofit organizations are eligible for grants to establish or operate chemical dependency and mental health treatment programs, programs that improve supervision, including pretrial and precharge supervision, and programs to reduce recidivism of controlled substances offenders on probation or supervised release or participating in drug courts or to fund local participation in drug court initiatives approved by the Judicial Council.

Subd. 3. **Reporting.** By January 15, in each even-numbered year, the commissioner shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of

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representatives committees and divisions having jurisdiction over criminal justice funding 16.1 on grants made in the preceding two years from the account. 16.2 Subd. 4. Legislative intent. It is the legislature's intent that savings to the state 16.3 realized as a result of the passage of this act be used to fund the transfers from the general 16.4 fund to this account. 16.5 Subd. 5. **Appropriation.** The amounts transferred to the account are appropriated 16.6 to the commissioner to make grants under subdivision 2. 16.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment. 16.8 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 388.051, is amended to read: 16.9 388.051 DUTIES. 16.10 Subdivision 1. **General provisions.** The county attorney shall: 16.11 16.12 (a) appear in all cases in which the county is a party; (b) give opinions and advice, upon the request of the county board or any county 16.13 officer, upon all matters in which the county is or may be interested, or in relation to 16.14 the official duties of the board or officer; 16.15 (c) prosecute felonies, including the drawing of indictments found by the grand 16.16 jury, and, to the extent prescribed by law, gross misdemeanors, misdemeanors, petty 16.17 misdemeanors, and violations of municipal ordinances, charter provisions and rules or 16.18 regulations; 16.19 16.20 (d) attend before the grand jury, give them legal advice, and examine witnesses in their presence; 16.21 (e) request the court administrator to issue subpoenas to bring witnesses before the 16.22 grand jury or any judge or judicial officer before whom the county attorney is conducting 16.23 a criminal hearing; 16.24 (f) attend any inquest at the request of the coroner; and 16.25 (g) appear, when requested by the attorney general, for the state in any case instituted 16.26 by the attorney general in the county attorney's county or before the United States Land 16.27 16.28 Office in case of application to preempt or locate any public lands claimed by the state and 16.29 assist in the preparation and trial. Subd. 2. Special provisions. (a) In Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Scott, 16.30 16.31 and Washington Counties, only the county attorney shall prosecute gross misdemeanor

violations of sections 289A.63, subdivisions 1, 2, 4, and 6; 297B.10; 609.255, subdivision

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(b) In Ramsey County, only the county attorney shall prosecute gross misdemeanor 17.1 violations of sections 609.255, subdivision 3; 609.377; and 609.378. 17.2 (c) The county attorney shall prosecute failure to report physical or sexual 17.3 child abuse or neglect as provided under section 626.556, subdivision 6, violations of 17.4 fifth-degree criminal sexual conduct under section 609.3451, and environmental law 17.5 violations under sections 115.071, 299F.098, and 609.671. 17.6 (d) Except in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties, only the county attorney shall 17.7 prosecute gross misdemeanor violations of section 152.025. 17.8 Subd. 3. Charging and plea negotiation policies and practices; written guidelines 17.9 required. (a) On or before January 1, 1995, each county attorney shall adopt written 17.10 guidelines governing the county attorney's charging and plea negotiation policies and 17.11 practices. The guidelines shall address, but need not be limited to, the following matters: 17.12 (1) the circumstances under which plea negotiation agreements are permissible; 17.13 (2) the factors that are considered in making charging decisions and formulating 17.14 17.15 plea agreements; and (3) the extent to which input from other persons concerned with a prosecution, such 17.16 as victims and law enforcement officers, is considered in formulating plea agreements. 17.17 (b) Plea negotiation policies and procedures adopted under this subdivision are 17.18 public data, as defined in section 13.02. 17.19 Subd. 4. Firearms exemption. Notwithstanding section 626.84, subdivision 2, a 17.20 county attorney, or an assistant county attorney appointed under section 388.10, who 17.21 lawfully possesses a permit to carry a pistol issued in accordance with section 624.714 17.22 17.23 may possess and carry a firearm while on duty, unless restricted by the county attorney. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2016, and applies to crimes 17.24 committed on or after that date. 17.25 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 609.11, subdivision 5a, is amended to read: 17.26 Subd. 5a. **Drug offenses.** Notwithstanding section 609.035, whenever a defendant 17.27 is subject to a mandatory minimum sentence for a felony violation of chapter 152, other 17.28 than a violation of section 152.021, subdivision 2b, clause (1), or a violation of chapter 17.29

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152 sentenced under section 152.021, subdivision 3, paragraph (c), and is also subject to

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18.1	Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 609.11, subdivision 8, is amended to read
18.2	Subd. 8. <b>Motion by prosecutor.</b> (a) Except as otherwise provided in <del>paragraph</del>

Subd. 8. **Motion by prosecutor.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph paragraphs (b) and (c), prior to the time of sentencing, the prosecutor may file a motion to have the defendant sentenced without regard to the mandatory minimum sentences established by this section. The motion shall be accompanied by a statement on the record of the reasons for it. When presented with the motion, or on its own motion, the court may sentence the defendant without regard to the mandatory minimum sentences established by this section if the court finds substantial and compelling reasons to do so. A sentence imposed under this subdivision is a departure from the Sentencing Guidelines.

- (b) The court may not, on its own motion or the prosecutor's motion, sentence a defendant without regard to the mandatory minimum sentences established by this section if the defendant previously has been convicted of an offense listed in subdivision 9 in which the defendant used or possessed a firearm or other dangerous weapon.
- (c) The court may not, on its own motion or the prosecutor's motion, sentence a defendant without regard to the mandatory minimum sentences established by subdivision 5, if the defendant was convicted of a crime under section 152.021, subdivision 1, or 152.022, subdivision 1, and the person or an accomplice possessed on their person or within immediate reach, or used, whether by brandishing, displaying, threatening with, or otherwise employing, a firearm.
- 18.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2016, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.

# Sec. 18. MINNESOTA SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION; CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS ON CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OFFENSES REJECTED; ADDITIONAL MODIFICATIONS TO GUIDELINES.

- (a) The following modifications proposed by the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines

  Commission in its January 15, 2016, report to the legislature are rejected and do not go into effect:
- (1) the new presumptive sentence for first-degree possession of a controlled substance under Minnesota Statutes, section 152.021, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), described in 2.A. Non-Legislative Modifications to Controlled Substance offenses on pages 14 to 17 of the report;
- (2) the severity level D8 found in the new drug offender grid on page 80 of the report and in the criminal history grids found on page 67 of the report;
- (3) the presumptive sentences for severity level D7 offenses found in the new drug offender grid on page 80 of the report; and

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9.1	(4) rel	ated changes found	in correspondi	ng language in Appendi	x 2.2.A. on pages				
9.2	65 to 81 of the report.								
9.3	<u>(b) Th</u>	(b) The Sentencing Guidelines Commission shall:							
9.4	<u>(1) mo</u>	(1) modify the new drug offender grid found on page 80 of the report by renumbering							
9.5	D9 as D8 ar	D9 as D8 and renumbering D10 as D9;							
9.6	(2) modify the criminal history grids on page 67 of the report by renumbering D8 as								
9.7	D7 and renumbering D9-D10 as D8-D9;								
9.8	(3) modify the presumptive sentences for severity level D7 offenses found in the								
0.9	new drug offender grid found on page 80 of the report as follows:								
.10	(i) for zero criminal history points, a presumptive stayed sentence of 48 months;								
.11	(ii) for one criminal history point, a presumptive stayed sentence of 58 months;								
.12	(iii) for two criminal history points, a presumptive executed sentence of 68 months								
.13	and a range	of 58 to 81 months;							
.14	(iv) fo	r three criminal histo	ory points, a pr	esumptive executed sen	tence of 78 months				
.15	and a range	of 67 to 93 months;							
16	<u>(v) for</u>	four criminal histor	y points, a pre	sumptive executed sente	ence of 88 months				
17	and a range	of 75 to 105 months	<u>s;</u>						
18	(vi) fo	r five criminal histor	ry points, a pre	sumptive executed sent	ence of 98 months				
19	and a range	of 84 to 117 months	s; and						
20 21	(vii) for six criminal history points, a presumptive executed sentence of 108 months and a range of 92 to 129 months;								
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4	(5) ran	ak the new offense of	f aggravated co	ontrolled substance crim	ne in the first degree				
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29	Sec. 19.	TRANSFER; COM	IMUNITY JU	STICE REINVESTM	ENT ACCOUNT.				
30	In fisc	al year 2017, the con	mmissioner of	management and budge	et shall transfer				
31	\$488,000 from the general fund to the community justice reinvestment account in the								
2	special revenue fund. The base for this transfer is \$461,000 in each of fiscal years 2018								
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Sec. 20. **APPROPRIATIONS.** 

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20.1	(a) \$325,00	00 in fiscal year	2017 is appro	priated from the gener	ral fund to the
20.2	commissioner of	public safety for	or two forensic	scientists, equipment	, and supplies to
20.3	implement this a	ct. Of this amou	int, \$40,000 is	a onetime appropriation	on for lab equipment.
20.4	(b) \$750,00	00 in fiscal year	2017 is appro	priated from the gene	ral fund to the
20.5	commissioner of	corrections for	70 new chemic	cal dependency/menta	l health beds.
20.6	(c) \$250,00	00 in fiscal year	2017 is appro	priated from the gener	ral fund to the
20.7	commissioner of	corrections for	two chemical	dependency release p	lanners, one at
20.8	MCF-Stillwater	and the other at	MCF-Shakope	ee.	
20.9	(d) \$37,000	0 in fiscal year 2	2017 is approp	riated from the genera	al fund to the
20.10	Minnesota Sente	encing Guideline	es Commission	to implement this act	<u>-</u>
20.11	Sec. 21. <b>REI</b>	DUCTIONS TO	<b>PREVIOUS</b>	APPROPRIATIONS	<u>5.</u>
20.12	The approp	oriations made in	n article 9 of th	e first unofficial engro	essment to House File
20.13	No. 2749, passed	d by the senate of	on April 28, 20	16, are reduced as fol	lows:
20.14	(1) for the	70 new chemica	l dependency/1	mental health beds in	section 6, subdivision
20.15	2, paragraph (g),	the appropriation	on for fiscal ye	ar 2017 is reduced to	<u>\$0;</u>
20.16	(2) for the	chemical depend	dency release p	olanner at MCF-Shako	opee in section 6,
20.17	subdivision 2, pa	aragraph (h), the	appropriation	for fiscal year 2017 is	reduced to \$0;
20.18	(3) for the	chemical depend	dency release p	olanner at MCF-Stillw	vater in section 6,
20.19	subdivision 2, pa	aragraph (i), the	appropriation 1	for fiscal year 2017 is	reduced to \$0;
20.20	(4) for the	information tech	nnology upgrad	des and staffing in sec	tion 6, subdivision
20.21	4, paragraph (b),	the base for thi	s activity is \$0	in each of fiscal year	s 2018 and 2019,
20.22	and thereafter; a	<u>nd</u>			
20.23	(5) for the	safe and secure	courthouse gra	nt program in section	2, the appropriation
20.24	for fiscal year 20	17 is reduced b	y \$850,000.		
20.25	Sec. 22. <b>REI</b>	PEALER.			
20.26	Minnesota	Statutes 2014, s	ection 244.051	3, subdivision 6, is re	pealed.

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#### **APPENDIX**

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### 244.0513 CONDITIONAL RELEASE OF NONVIOLENT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OFFENDERS; TREATMENT.

Subd. 6. Extension of term of imprisonment for offenders who fail in treatment. When an offender fails to successfully complete the chemical dependency treatment program under this section, the commissioner shall add the time that the offender was participating in the program to the offender's term of imprisonment. However, the offender's term of imprisonment may not be extended beyond the offender's executed sentence.