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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 872

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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 public safety; increasing penalties for gang members who possess
1.3 firearms in public without a permit to carry; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020,
1.4 section 624.714, subdivision 1a.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 624.714, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 1a. **Permit required; penalty.** A person, other than a peace officer, as defined
1.8 in section 626.84, subdivision 1, who carries, holds, or possesses a pistol in a motor vehicle,
1.9 snowmobile, or boat, or on or about the person's clothes or the person, or otherwise in
1.10 possession or control in a public place, as defined in section 624.7181, subdivision 1,
1.11 paragraph (c), without first having obtained a permit to carry the pistol is guilty of a gross
1.12 misdemeanor. A person who is convicted a second or subsequent time is guilty of a felony.
1.13 A member of a criminal gang, as defined in section 609.229, subdivision 1, who is convicted
1.14 of violating this section is guilty of a felony.