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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1946

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; prohibiting the possession of dangerous weapons in the
1.3 Capitol complex; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 299E.04, subdivision
1.4 4; 609.66, subdivision 1g.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 299E.04, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 4. Data practices. (a) The committee is subject to the Minnesota Government
1.8 Data Practices Act, chapter 13. The committee may request access to nonpublic data, as
1.9 defined in section 13.02, subdivision 9, as necessary to fulfill its responsibilities under this
1.10 section. A government entity receiving a request under this subdivision must provide
1.11 nonpublic data requested by the committee if the government entity reasonably determines
1.12 that the data requested are relevant to the committee's responsibilities under this section.

1.13 (b) Paragraph (a) must not be construed to give the committee access to data classified
1.14 under section 13.87, subdivision 2, or data on persons who provide the notice described in
1.15 section 609.66, subdivision 1g, paragraph (b), clause (2).

1.16 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.66, subdivision 1g, is amended to read:

1.17 Subd. 1g. Felony; possession in courthouse or certain state buildings. (a) A person
1.18 who commits either of the following acts is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to
1.19 imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000,
1.20 or both:

1.21 (1) possesses a dangerous weapon, ammunition, or explosives within any courthouse
1.22 complex; or

2.1 (2) possesses a dangerous weapon, ammunition, or explosives in any state building
 2.2 within the Capitol Area described in chapter 15B, other than the National Guard Armory.

2.3 (b) Unless a person is otherwise prohibited or restricted by other law to possess a
 2.4 dangerous weapon, this subdivision does not apply to:

2.5 (1) licensed peace officers or military personnel who are performing official duties;

2.6 (2) persons who carry pistols according to the terms of a permit issued under section
 2.7 624.714 in a courthouse complex and who so notify the sheriff ~~or the commissioner of~~
 2.8 ~~public safety, as appropriate;~~

2.9 (3) persons who possess dangerous weapons in a courthouse complex for the purpose
 2.10 of display as demonstrative evidence during testimony at a trial or hearing or exhibition in
 2.11 compliance with advance notice and safety guidelines set by the sheriff ~~or the commissioner~~
 2.12 ~~of public safety; or~~

2.13 (4) persons who possess dangerous weapons in a courthouse complex with the express
 2.14 consent of the county sheriff ~~or who possess dangerous weapons in a state building with~~
 2.15 ~~the express consent of the commissioner of public safety; or~~

2.16 (5) retired peace officers who carry pistols as authorized by, and in compliance with,
 2.17 United States Code, title 18, part I, chapter 44, section 926C, in buildings in the Capitol
 2.18 Area and who are employed by the Minnesota House of Representatives working in a
 2.19 primary security function with the House Sergeant-at-Arms.

2.20 (c) ~~For purposes of this subdivision, the issuance of a permit to carry under section~~
 2.21 ~~624.714 constitutes notification of the commissioner of public safety as required under~~
 2.22 ~~paragraph (b), clause (2).~~ Unless a person is otherwise prohibited or restricted by other law
 2.23 to possess a firearm, the prohibition in paragraph (a), clause (2), does not apply to persons
 2.24 authorized to carry a pistol under section 624.714, while the person is:

2.25 (1) in a motor vehicle, or

2.26 (2) outside of a motor vehicle to directly place a firearm in, or retrieve it from, the trunk
 2.27 or rear area of the vehicle.

2.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2023, and applies to crimes
 2.29 committed on or after that date.