

## CHAPTER 669—S.F.No.968

*An act relating to crimes and criminals; providing penalties for the receipt, purchase or concealment of stolen goods; and providing for civil redress; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 609.53.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 609.53, is amended to read:

**609.53 CRIMES AND CRIMINALS; RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS.** ~~Whoever intentionally receives or conceals stolen property may be sentenced in accordance with the provisions of section 609.52, subdivision 3.~~ Subdivision 1. Any person who receives, buys or conceals any stolen property or property obtained by robbery, knowing the same to be stolen or obtained by robbery, may be sentenced as follows:

(1) If the value of the property received, bought or concealed is \$100 or more, to imprisonment for not more than ten years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both;

(2) If the value of the property received, bought or concealed is less than \$100, to punishment as a misdemeanor.

Subd. 2. Any person who receives, buys or conceals any stolen property or property obtained by robbery, believing the same to be so stolen or obtained by robbery, may be sentenced to punishment as a misdemeanor.

Subd. 3. Any person convicted of a second or subsequent violation under subdivision 2 of this section within a period of one year may be sentenced as provided in subdivision 1, clause (1).

Subd. 4. Any person who has been injured by a violation of subdivision 1 of this section may bring an action for three times the amount of actual damages, if any, sustained by the plaintiff, costs of suit and reasonable attorney's fees.

Subd. 5. In this section, "value" has the meaning defined in section 609.52, subdivision 1, clause (3).

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Changes or additions indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.