

CHAPTER 78—H.F.No. 1034

An act relating to crimes; repealing the requirement that the department of public safety must keep a record of all first convictions for the crime of possessing a small amount of marijuana; amending Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 152.15, subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 152.15, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Any person who violates section 152.09, subdivision 1, clause (2), with respect to:

(1) A controlled substance classified in schedule I or II which is a narcotic drug, is guilty of a crime and upon conviction may be imprisoned for not more than five years or fined not more than \$10,000, or both;

(2) Any other controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, or III, except small amounts of marijuana, is guilty of a crime and upon conviction may be imprisoned for not more than three years, fined not more than \$5,000, or both;

(3) A substance classified in schedule IV, is guilty of a crime and upon conviction may be imprisoned for not more than three years, fined not more than \$5,000, or both;

(4) A substance classified in schedule V, is guilty of a crime and upon conviction may be imprisoned for not more than one year, fined not more than \$3,000, or both; provided, however, that any person convicted under this section of possessing a substance classified under Schedule V, and placed on probation may be required to take part in a drug education program as specified by the court;

(5) A small amount of marijuana is guilty of a petty misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$100 and participation in a drug education program unless the court enters a written finding that such a program is inappropriate, said program being approved by an area mental health board with a curriculum approved by the state alcohol and drug abuse authority. A subsequent violation of this clause within two years is a misdemeanor, and a person so convicted shall be required to participate in a chemical dependency evaluation and treatment if so indicated by the evaluation. ~~Upon a first conviction under this section the courts shall forward a report of said conviction to the department of public safety which shall make and maintain a private, nonpublic, record for a period not to exceed two years from the date of conviction. The private, nonpublic record shall be solely for use by the courts in determining the penalties which attach upon conviction under this section.~~

Additionally a person who is the owner of a private motor vehicle, or the driver of the motor vehicle if the owner is not present, and who possesses on the

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person or knowingly keeps or allows to be kept in a motor vehicle within the area of the vehicle normally occupied by the driver or passengers more than .05 ounce of marijuana is guilty of a misdemeanor. This area of the vehicle shall not include the trunk of the motor vehicle when such vehicle is equipped with a trunk or another area of the vehicle not normally occupied by the driver or passengers if the vehicle is not equipped with a trunk. A utility or glove compartment shall be deemed to be within the area occupied by the driver and passengers.

(6) In any case in which a defendant is convicted of a petty misdemeanor under the provisions of clause (5) and willfully and intentionally fails to comply with the sentence imposed, said defendant shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(7) Compliance with the terms of any sentence imposed for violation of clause (5) before conviction under clause (6) shall be an absolute defense.

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CHAPTER 79—S.F.No. 53

An act relating to municipal liability; providing for indemnification of employees for punitive damages; amending Minnesota Statutes 1986, sections 466.06; and 466.07, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 466.07, subdivisions 1a, 2, and 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 466.06, is amended to read:

466.06 LIABILITY INSURANCE.

The governing body of any municipality may procure insurance against liability of the municipality and its officers, employees, and agents for damages, including punitive damages, resulting from its torts and those of its officers, employees, and agents, including torts specified in section 466.03 for which the municipality is immune from liability. The insurance may provide protection in excess of the limit of liability imposed by section 466.04. If the municipality has the authority to levy taxes, the premium costs for such insurance may be levied in excess of any per capita or millage tax limitation imposed by statute or charter. However, a school district may not levy pursuant to this section for premium costs for motor vehicle insurance protecting against injuries or damages arising out of the operation of district owned, operated, leased, or controlled vehicles for the transportation of pupils for purposes for which state aid is authorized under section 124.223, or for purposes for which the district is authorized to levy under section 275.125, subdivision 5d. Any independent board or commission in the municipality having authority to disburse funds for a particular municipal function without approval of the governing body may

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