CHAPTER 175--H.F.No. 3469

An act relating to crime; modifying crime and increasing sentence of interfering with a body or scene of death;amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 609.502, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 609.502, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Concealing evidence.** ~~Whoever~~ A person is guilty of a crime and may be sentenced under subdivision 1a if the person interferes with the body or scene of death with intent to:

(1) conceal the body;

(2) conceal evidence; or

(3) otherwise mislead the coroner or ~~conceal evidence is guilty of a gross misdemeanor~~ medical examiner.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2016, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 609.502, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1a. **Penalty.** A person convicted under subdivision 1, clause (2) or (3), is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. A person convicted under subdivision 1, clause (1), may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than three years or to a payment of a fine of not more than $5,000 or both.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2016, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.

Sec. 3. **TITLE.**

This act shall be known as "Laura's Law."

Presented to the governor May 24, 2016

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