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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETIETH SESSION**

**S.F. No. 2756**

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**OFFICIAL STATUS**  
Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; limiting the amelioration doctrine; amending Minnesota  
1.3 Statutes 2016, section 609.015, subdivision 1.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 609.015, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Common law crimes abolished.** Common law crimes are abolished and  
1.7 no act or omission is a crime unless made so by this chapter or by other applicable statute;  
1.8 ~~but~~ This does not prevent the use of common law rules in the construction or interpretation  
1.9 of the provisions of this chapter or other statute except that a law reducing a sentence does  
1.10 not apply to crimes committed prior to the date on which the change takes effect unless the  
1.11 statute specifically states otherwise. Crimes committed prior to September 1, 1963, are not  
1.12 affected thereby.

1.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act is effective the day following final enactment.