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ARTICLE 9

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FORFEITURE

90.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 169A.63, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

90.4 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) As used in this section, the following terms have the
90.5 meanings given them.

90.6 (b) "Appropriate agency" means a law enforcement agency that has the authority to
90.7 make an arrest for a violation of a designated offense or to require a test under section
90.8 169A.51 (chemical tests for intoxication).

90.9 (c) "Asserting person" means a person, other than the driver alleged to have committed
90.10 a designated offense, claiming an ownership interest in a vehicle that has been seized or
90.11 restrained under this section.

90.12 ~~(e)~~ (d) "Claimant" means an owner of a motor vehicle or a person claiming a leasehold
90.13 or security interest in a motor vehicle.

90.14 ~~(e)~~ (e) "Designated license revocation" includes a license revocation under section
90.15 169A.52 (license revocation for test failure or refusal) or 171.177 (revocation; search warrant)
90.16 or a license disqualification under section 171.165 (commercial driver's license
90.17 disqualification) resulting from a violation of section 169A.52 or 171.177; within ten years
90.18 of the first of two or more qualified prior impaired driving incidents.

90.19 ~~(e)~~ (f) "Designated offense" includes:

90.20 (1) a violation of section 169A.20 (driving while impaired) under the circumstances
90.21 described in section 169A.24 (first-degree driving while impaired), ~~or 169A.25~~
90.22 ~~(second degree driving while impaired); or~~

90.23 (2) a violation of section 169A.20 or an ordinance in conformity with it; within ten years
90.24 of the first of two qualified prior impaired driving incidents.

90.25 ~~(i) by a person whose driver's license or driving privileges have been canceled as inimical~~
90.26 ~~to public safety under section 171.04, subdivision 1, clause (10), and not reinstated; or~~

90.27 ~~(ii) by a person who is subject to a restriction on the person's driver's license under~~
90.28 ~~section 171.09 (commissioner's license restrictions), which provides that the person may~~
90.29 ~~not use or consume any amount of alcohol or a controlled substance.~~

90.30 ~~(f)~~ (g) "Family or household member" means:

90.31 (1) a parent, stepparent, or guardian;

91.1 (2) any of the following persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption: brother, sister,
91.2 stepbrother, stepsister, first cousin, aunt, uncle, nephew, niece, grandparent,
91.3 great-grandparent, great-uncle, great-aunt; or

91.4 (3) persons residing together or persons who regularly associate and communicate with
91.5 one another outside of a workplace setting.

91.6 ~~(g)~~ (h) "Motor vehicle" and "vehicle" do not include a vehicle which is stolen or taken
91.7 in violation of the law.

91.8 ~~(h)~~ (i) "Owner" means a person legally entitled to possession, use, and control of a motor
91.9 vehicle, including a lessee of a motor vehicle if the lease agreement has a term of 180 days
91.10 or more. There is a rebuttable presumption that a person registered as the owner of a motor
91.11 vehicle according to the records of the Department of Public Safety is the legal owner. For
91.12 purposes of this section, if a motor vehicle is owned jointly by two or more people, each
91.13 owner's interest extends to the whole of the vehicle and is not subject to apportionment.

91.14 ~~(i)~~ (j) "Prosecuting authority" means the attorney in the jurisdiction in which the
91.15 designated offense occurred who is responsible for prosecuting violations of a designated
91.16 offense or a designee. If a state agency initiated the forfeiture, and the attorney responsible
91.17 for prosecuting the designated offense declines to pursue forfeiture, the Attorney General's
91.18 Office or its designee may initiate forfeiture under this section.

91.19 ~~(j)~~ (k) "Security interest" means a bona fide security interest perfected according to
91.20 section 168A.17, subdivision 2, based on a loan or other financing that, if a vehicle is
91.21 required to be registered under chapter 168, is listed on the vehicle's title.

91.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022, and applies to seizures
91.23 that take place on or after that date.

91.24 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 169A.63, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

91.25 Subd. 7. **Limitations on vehicle forfeiture.** (a) A vehicle is presumed subject to forfeiture
91.26 under this section if:

91.27 (1) the driver is convicted of the designated offense upon which the forfeiture is based;
91.28 or

91.29 ~~(2) the driver fails to appear for a scheduled court appearance with respect to the~~
91.30 ~~designated offense charged and fails to voluntarily surrender within 48 hours after the time~~
91.31 ~~required for appearance; or~~

92.1 ~~(2)~~ (2) the driver's conduct results in a designated license revocation and the driver fails
92.2 to seek judicial review of the revocation in a timely manner as required by section 169A.53,
92.3 subdivision 2, (petition for judicial review), or the license revocation is judicially reviewed
92.4 and sustained under section 169A.53, subdivision 2.

92.5 (b) A vehicle encumbered by a security interest perfected according to section 168A.17,
92.6 subdivision 2, or subject to a lease that has a term of 180 days or more, is subject to the
92.7 interest of the secured party or lessor unless the party or lessor had knowledge of or consented
92.8 to the act upon which the forfeiture is based. However, when the proceeds of the sale of a
92.9 seized vehicle do not equal or exceed the outstanding loan balance, the appropriate agency

92.10 shall remit all proceeds of the sale to the secured party after deducting the agency's costs
92.11 for the seizure, tow, storage, forfeiture, and sale of the vehicle. If the sale of the vehicle is
92.12 conducted in a commercially reasonable manner consistent with the provisions of section
92.13 336.9-610, the agency is not liable to the secured party for any amount owed on the loan in
92.14 excess of the sale proceeds. The validity and amount of a nonperfected security interest
92.15 must be established by its holder by clear and convincing evidence.

92.16 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), the secured party's or lessor's interest in a vehicle is
92.17 not subject to forfeiture based solely on the secured party's or lessor's knowledge of the act
92.18 or omission upon which the forfeiture is based if the secured party or lessor demonstrates
92.19 by clear and convincing evidence that the party or lessor took reasonable steps to terminate
92.20 use of the vehicle by the offender.

92.21 ~~(d) A motor vehicle is not subject to forfeiture under this section if any of its owners
92.22 who petition the court can demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence that the petitioning
92.23 owner did not have actual or constructive knowledge that the vehicle would be used or
92.24 operated in any manner contrary to law or that the petitioning owner took reasonable steps
92.25 to prevent use of the vehicle by the offender. If the offender is a family or household member
92.26 of any of the owners who petition the court and has three or more prior impaired driving
92.27 convictions, the petitioning owner is presumed to know of any vehicle use by the offender
92.28 that is contrary to law. "Vehicle use contrary to law" includes, but is not limited to, violations
92.29 of the following statutes:~~

92.30 ~~(1) section 171.24 (violations; driving without valid license);~~

92.31 ~~(2) section 169.791 (criminal penalty for failure to produce proof of insurance);~~

92.32 ~~(3) section 171.09 (driving restrictions; authority, violations);~~

92.33 ~~(4) section 169A.20 (driving while impaired);~~

93.1 ~~(5) section 169A.33 (underage drinking and driving); and~~

93.2 ~~(6) section 169A.35 (open bottle law).~~

93.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022, and applies to seizures
93.4 that take place on or after that date.

93.5 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 169A.63, is amended by adding a subdivision to
93.6 read:

93.7 Subd. 7a. **Innocent owner.** (a) An asserting person may bring an innocent owner claim
93.8 by notifying the prosecuting authority in writing and within 60 days of the service of the
93.9 notice of seizure.

93.10 (b) Upon receipt of notice pursuant to paragraph (a), the prosecuting authority may
93.11 release the vehicle to the asserting person. If the prosecuting authority proceeds with the
93.12 forfeiture, the prosecuting authority must, within 30 days, file a separate complaint in the

93.13 name of the jurisdiction pursuing the forfeiture against the vehicle, describing the vehicle,
93.14 specifying that the vehicle was used in the commission of a designated offense or was used
93.15 in conduct resulting in a designated license revocation, and specifying the time and place
93.16 of the vehicle's unlawful use. The complaint may be filed in district court or conciliation
93.17 court and the filing fee is waived.

93.18 (c) A complaint filed by the prosecuting authority must be served on the asserting person
93.19 and on any other registered owners. Service may be made by certified mail at the address
93.20 listed in the Department of Public Safety's computerized motor vehicle registration records
93.21 or by any means permitted by court rules.

93.22 (d) The hearing on the complaint shall, to the extent practicable, be held within 30 days
93.23 of the filing of the petition. The court may consolidate the hearing on the complaint with a
93.24 hearing on any other complaint involving a claim of an ownership interest in the same
93.25 vehicle.

93.26 (e) At a hearing held pursuant to this subdivision, the prosecuting authority must:

93.27 (1) prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the seizure was incident to a lawful
93.28 arrest or a lawful search; and

93.29 (2) certify that the prosecuting authority has filed, or intends to file, charges against the
93.30 driver for a designated offense or that the driver has a designated license revocation.

93.31 (f) At a hearing held pursuant to this subdivision, the asserting person must prove by a
93.32 preponderance of the evidence that the asserting person:

94.1 (1) has an actual ownership interest in the vehicle; and

94.2 (2) did not have actual or constructive knowledge that the vehicle would be used or
94.3 operated in any manner contrary to law or that the asserting person took reasonable steps
94.4 to prevent use of the vehicle by the alleged offender.

94.5 (g) If the court determines that the state met both burdens under paragraph (e) and the
94.6 asserting person failed to meet any burden under paragraph (f), the court shall order that
94.7 the vehicle remains subject to forfeiture under this section.

94.8 (h) The court shall order that the vehicle is not subject to forfeiture under this section
94.9 and shall order the vehicle returned to the asserting person if it determines that:

94.10 (1) the state failed to meet any burden under paragraph (e);

94.11 (2) the asserting person proved both elements under paragraph (f); or

94.12 (3) clauses (1) and (2) apply.

94.13 (i) If the court determines that the asserting person is an innocent owner and orders the
94.14 vehicle returned to the innocent owner, an entity in possession of the vehicle is not required
94.15 to release it until the innocent owner pays:

94.16 (1) the reasonable costs of the towing, seizure, and storage of the vehicle incurred before
94.17 the innocent owner provided the notice required under paragraph (a); and

94.18 (2) any reasonable costs of storage of the vehicle incurred more than two weeks after
94.19 an order issued under paragraph (h).

94.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022, and applies to seizures
94.21 that take place on or after that date.

94.22 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 169A.63, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

94.23 Subd. 8. **Administrative forfeiture procedure.** (a) A motor vehicle used to commit a
94.24 designated offense or used in conduct resulting in a designated license revocation is subject
94.25 to administrative forfeiture under this subdivision.

94.26 (b) Within 60 days from when a motor vehicle is seized under subdivision 2, or within
94.27 a reasonable time after seizure, the appropriate agency shall serve the driver or operator of
94.28 the vehicle with a notice of the seizure and intent to forfeit the vehicle. Additionally, when
94.29 a motor vehicle is seized under subdivision 2, or within a reasonable time after that, all
94.30 persons known to have an ownership, possessory, or security interest in the vehicle must
94.31 be notified of the seizure and the intent to forfeit the vehicle. For those vehicles required to
95.1 be registered under chapter 168, the notification to a person known to have a security interest
95.2 in the vehicle is required only if the vehicle is registered under chapter 168 and the interest
95.3 is listed on the vehicle's title. Upon motion by the appropriate agency or prosecuting
95.4 authority, a court may extend the time period for sending notice for a period not to exceed
95.5 90 days for good cause shown. Notice mailed by certified mail to the address shown in
95.6 Department of Public Safety records is sufficient notice to the registered owner of the
95.7 vehicle. For motor vehicles not required to be registered under chapter 168, notice mailed
95.8 by certified mail to the address shown in the applicable filing or registration for the vehicle
95.9 is sufficient notice to a person known to have an ownership, possessory, or security interest
95.10 in the vehicle. Otherwise, notice may be given in the manner provided by law for service
95.11 of a summons in a civil action.

95.12 (c) The notice must be in writing and contain:

95.13 (1) a description of the vehicle seized;

95.14 (2) the date of seizure; and

95.15 (3) notice of the right to obtain judicial review of the forfeiture and of the procedure for
95.16 obtaining that judicial review, printed in English. This requirement does not preclude the
95.17 appropriate agency from printing the notice in other languages in addition to English.

95.18 Substantially the following language must appear conspicuously in the notice:

95.19 "WARNING: If you were the person arrested when the property was seized, you will
95.20 automatically lose the above-described property and the right to be heard in court if you do
95.21 not file a lawsuit and serve the prosecuting authority within 60 days. You may file your
95.22 lawsuit in conciliation court if the property is worth \$15,000 or less; otherwise, you must
95.23 file in district court. You may do not have to pay a filing fee for your lawsuit if you are
95.24 unable to afford the fee. You do not have to pay a conciliation court fee if your property is
95.25 worth less than \$500.

95.26 WARNING: If you have an ownership interest in the above-described property and were
95.27 not the person arrested when the property was seized, you will automatically lose the
95.28 above-described property and the right to be heard in court if you do not notify the
95.29 prosecuting authority of your interest in writing within 60 days."

95.30 (d) If notice is not sent in accordance with paragraph (b), and no time extension is granted
95.31 or the extension period has expired, the appropriate agency shall return the property vehicle
95.32 to the person from whom the property was seized, if known owner. An agency's return of
95.33 property due to lack of proper notice does not restrict the agency's authority to commence
96.1 a forfeiture proceeding at a later time. ~~The agency shall not be required to return contraband~~
96.2 ~~or other property that the person from whom the property was seized may not legally possess.~~

96.3 (e) Within 60 days following service of a notice of seizure and forfeiture under this
96.4 subdivision, a claimant may file a demand for a judicial determination of the forfeiture. The
96.5 demand must be in the form of a civil complaint and must be filed with the court
96.6 administrator in the county in which the seizure occurred, together with proof of service of
96.7 a copy of the complaint on the prosecuting authority having jurisdiction over the forfeiture;
96.8 ~~including the standard filing fee for civil actions unless the petitioner has the right to sue~~
96.9 ~~in forma pauperis under section 563.01.~~ The claimant may serve the complaint by certified
96.10 mail or any means permitted by court rules. If the value of the seized property is \$15,000
96.11 or less, the claimant may file an action in conciliation court for recovery of the seized vehicle.
96.12 A copy of the conciliation court statement of claim must be served personally or by mail
96.13 on the prosecuting authority having jurisdiction over the forfeiture, ~~as well as on the~~
96.14 ~~appropriate agency that initiated the forfeiture,~~ within 60 days following service of the
96.15 notice of seizure and forfeiture under this subdivision. ~~If the value of the seized property is~~
96.16 ~~less than \$500,~~ The claimant does not have to pay the ~~conciliation~~ court filing fee.

96.17 No responsive pleading is required of the prosecuting authority and no court fees may
96.18 be charged for the prosecuting authority's appearance in the matter. The prosecuting authority
96.19 may appear for the appropriate agency. Pleadings, filings, and methods of service are
96.20 governed by the Rules of Civil Procedure.

96.21 (f) The complaint must be captioned in the name of the claimant as plaintiff and the
96.22 seized vehicle as defendant, and must state with specificity the grounds on which the claimant
96.23 alleges the vehicle was improperly seized, the claimant's interest in the vehicle seized, and
96.24 any affirmative defenses the claimant may have. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary,
96.25 an action for the return of a vehicle seized under this section may not be maintained by or

96.26 on behalf of any person who has been served with a notice of seizure and forfeiture unless
96.27 the person has complied with this subdivision.

96.28 (g) If the claimant makes a timely demand for a judicial determination under this
96.29 subdivision, the forfeiture proceedings must be conducted as provided under subdivision
96.30 9.

96.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022, and applies to seizures
96.32 that take place on or after that date.

97.1 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 169A.63, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

97.2 Subd. 9. **Judicial forfeiture procedure.** (a) This subdivision governs judicial
97.3 determinations of the forfeiture of a motor vehicle used to commit a designated offense or
97.4 used in conduct resulting in a designated license revocation. An action for forfeiture is a
97.5 civil in rem action and is independent of any criminal prosecution. All proceedings are
97.6 governed by the Rules of Civil Procedure.

97.7 (b) If no demand for judicial determination of the forfeiture is pending, the prosecuting
97.8 authority may, in the name of the jurisdiction pursuing the forfeiture, file a separate complaint
97.9 against the vehicle, describing it, specifying that it was used in the commission of a
97.10 designated offense or was used in conduct resulting in a designated license revocation, and
97.11 specifying the time and place of its unlawful use.

97.12 (c) The prosecuting authority may file an answer to a properly served demand for judicial
97.13 determination, including an affirmative counterclaim for forfeiture. The prosecuting authority
97.14 is not required to file an answer.

97.15 (d) A judicial determination under this subdivision must be held at the earliest practicable
97.16 date, and in any event no later than 180 days following the filing of the demand by the
97.17 claimant. If a related criminal proceeding is pending, the hearing shall not be held until the
97.18 conclusion of the criminal proceedings. The district court administrator shall schedule the
97.19 hearing as soon as practicable after the conclusion of the criminal prosecution. The district
97.20 court administrator shall establish procedures to ensure efficient compliance with this
97.21 subdivision. The hearing is to the court without a jury.

97.22 (e) There is a presumption that a vehicle seized under this section is subject to forfeiture
97.23 if the prosecuting authority establishes that the vehicle was used in the commission of a
97.24 designated offense or designated license revocation. A claimant bears the burden of proving
97.25 any affirmative defense raised.

97.26 (f) If the forfeiture is based on the commission of a designated offense and the person
97.27 charged with the designated offense appears in court as required and is not convicted of the
97.28 offense, the court shall order the property returned to the person legally entitled to it upon
97.29 that person's compliance with the redemption requirements of section 169A.42. If the
97.30 forfeiture is based on a designated license revocation, and the license revocation is rescinded
97.31 under section 169A.53, subdivision 3 (judicial review hearing, issues, order, appeal), the

97.32 court shall order the property returned to the person legally entitled to it upon that person's
97.33 compliance with the redemption requirements of section 169A.42.

98.1 (g) If the lawful ownership of the vehicle used in the commission of a designated offense
98.2 or used in conduct resulting in a designated license revocation can be determined and the
98.3 owner makes the demonstration required under subdivision 7, ~~paragraph (d) 7a~~, the vehicle
98.4 must be returned immediately upon the owner's compliance with the redemption requirements
98.5 of section 169A.42.

98.6 (h) If the court orders the return of a seized vehicle under this subdivision it ~~must order~~
98.7 ~~that filing fees be reimbursed to the person who filed the demand for judicial determination.~~
98.8 ~~In addition, the court~~ may order sanctions under section 549.211 (sanctions in civil actions).
98.9 Any ~~reimbursement fees or~~ sanctions must be paid from other forfeiture proceeds of the
98.10 law enforcement agency and prosecuting authority involved and in the same proportion as
98.11 distributed under subdivision 10, paragraph (b).

98.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022, and applies to seizures
98.13 that take place on or after that date.

98.14 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 169A.63, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

98.15 Subd. 10. **Disposition of forfeited vehicle.** (a) If the vehicle is administratively forfeited
98.16 under subdivision 8, or if the court finds under subdivision 9 that the vehicle is subject to
98.17 forfeiture under subdivisions 6 and 7, the appropriate agency shall:

98.18 (1) sell the vehicle and distribute the proceeds under paragraph (b); or

98.19 (2) keep the vehicle for official use. If the agency keeps a forfeited motor vehicle for
98.20 official use, it shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that the motor vehicle is available for
98.21 use by the agency's officers who participate in the drug abuse resistance education program.

98.22 (b) The proceeds from the sale of forfeited vehicles, after payment of seizure, towing,
98.23 storage, forfeiture, and sale expenses, and satisfaction of valid liens against the property,
98.24 must be distributed as follows:

98.25 (1) 70 percent of the proceeds must be forwarded to the appropriate agency for deposit
98.26 as a supplement to the state or local agency's operating fund or similar fund for use in
98.27 DWI-related enforcement, training, ~~and~~ education, crime prevention, equipment, or capital
98.28 expenses; and

98.29 (2) 30 percent of the money or proceeds must be forwarded to the prosecuting authority
98.30 that handled the forfeiture for deposit as a supplement to its operating fund or similar fund
98.31 for prosecutorial purposes, training, education, crime prevention, equipment, or capital
98.32 expenses. For purposes of this subdivision, the prosecuting authority shall not include
98.33 privately contracted prosecutors of a local political subdivision and, in those events, the
99.1 forfeiture proceeds shall be forwarded to the political subdivision where the forfeiture was
99.2 handled for the purposes identified in clause (1).

99.3 (c) If a vehicle is sold under paragraph (a), the appropriate agency shall not sell the
99.4 vehicle to: (1) an officer or employee of the agency that seized the property or to a person
99.5 related to the officer or employee by blood or marriage; or (2) the prosecuting authority or
99.6 any individual working in the same office or a person related to the authority or individual
99.7 by blood or marriage.

99.8 (d) Sales of forfeited vehicles under this section must be conducted in a commercially
99.9 reasonable manner.

99.10 (e) If a vehicle is forfeited administratively under this section and no demand for judicial
99.11 determination is made, the appropriate agency shall provide the prosecuting authority with
99.12 a copy of the forfeiture or evidence receipt, the notice of seizure and intent to forfeit, a
99.13 statement of probable cause for forfeiture of the property, and a description of the property
99.14 and its estimated value. Upon review and certification by the prosecuting authority that (1)
99.15 the appropriate agency provided a receipt in accordance with subdivision 2, paragraph (c),
99.16 (2) the appropriate agency served notice in accordance with subdivision 8, and (3) probable
99.17 cause for forfeiture exists based on the officer's statement, the appropriate agency may
99.18 dispose of the property in any of the ways listed in this subdivision.

99.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022, and applies to seizures
99.20 that take place on or after that date.

99.21 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 169A.63, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

99.22 Subd. 13. **Exception.** (a) ~~A forfeiture proceeding is stayed and the vehicle must be~~
99.23 ~~returned if the driver who committed a designated offense or whose conduct resulted in a~~
99.24 ~~designated license revocation becomes a program participant in the ignition interlock program~~
99.25 ~~under section 171.306 at any time before the motor vehicle is forfeited, the forfeiture~~
99.26 ~~proceeding is stayed and the vehicle must be returned~~ and any of the following apply:

99.27 (1) the driver committed a designated offense other than a violation of section 169A.20
99.28 under the circumstances described in section 169A.24; or

99.29 (2) the driver is accepted into a treatment court dedicated to changing the behavior of
99.30 alcohol- and other drug-dependent offenders arrested for driving while impaired.

99.31 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the vehicle whose forfeiture was stayed in paragraph
99.32 (a) may be seized and the forfeiture action may proceed under this section if the program
99.33 participant described in paragraph (a):

100.1 (1) subsequently operates a motor vehicle:

100.2 (i) to commit a violation of section 169A.20 (driving while impaired);

100.3 (ii) in a manner that results in a license revocation under section 169A.52 (license
100.4 revocation for test failure or refusal) or 171.177 (revocation; search warrant) or a license
100.5 disqualification under section 171.165 (commercial driver's license disqualification) resulting
100.6 from a violation of section 169A.52 or 171.177;

- 100.7 (iii) after tampering with, circumventing, or bypassing an ignition interlock device; or
- 100.8 (iv) without an ignition interlock device at any time when the driver's license requires
- 100.9 such device; or
- 100.10 (2) either voluntarily or involuntarily ceases to participate in the program for more than
- 100.11 30 days, or fails to successfully complete it as required by the Department of Public Safety
- 100.12 due to:
- 100.13 (i) two or more occasions of the participant's driving privileges being withdrawn for
- 100.14 violating the terms of the program, unless the withdrawal is determined to be caused by an
- 100.15 error of the department or the interlock provider; or
- 100.16 (ii) violating the terms of the contract with the provider as determined by the provider;
- 100.17 or
- 100.18 (3) if forfeiture was stayed after the driver entered a treatment court, the driver ceases
- 100.19 to be a participant in the treatment court for any reason.
- 100.20 (c) Paragraph (b) applies only if the described conduct occurs before the participant has
- 100.21 been restored to full driving privileges or within three years of the original designated offense
- 100.22 or designated license revocation, whichever occurs latest.
- 100.23 (d) The requirement in subdivision 2, paragraph (b), that device manufacturers provide
- 100.24 a discounted rate to indigent program participants applies also to device installation under
- 100.25 this subdivision.
- 100.26 (e) An impound or law enforcement storage lot operator must allow an ignition interlock
- 100.27 manufacturer sufficient access to the lot to install an ignition interlock device under this
- 100.28 subdivision.
- 100.29 (f) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), an entity in possession of the vehicle is not required
- 100.30 to release it until the reasonable costs of the towing, seizure, and storage of the vehicle have
- 100.31 been paid by the vehicle owner.
- 101.1 (g) At any time prior to the vehicle being forfeited, the appropriate agency may require
- 101.2 that the owner or driver of the vehicle ~~give security or post bond payable to the appropriate~~
- 101.3 ~~agency in an amount equal to the retail value~~ surrender the title of the seized vehicle. ~~If this~~
- 101.4 ~~occurs, any future forfeiture action against the vehicle must instead proceed against the~~
- 101.5 ~~security as if it were the vehicle.~~
- 101.6 ~~(h) The appropriate agency may require an owner or driver to give security or post bond~~
- 101.7 ~~payable to the agency in an amount equal to the retail value of the vehicle, prior to releasing~~
- 101.8 ~~the vehicle from the impound lot to install an ignition interlock device.~~
- 101.9 ~~(+)~~ (h) If an event described in paragraph (b) occurs in a jurisdiction other than the one
- 101.10 in which the original forfeitable event occurred, and the vehicle is subsequently forfeited,
- 101.11 the proceeds shall be divided equally, after payment of seizure, towing, storage, forfeiture,

101.12 and sale expenses and satisfaction of valid liens against the vehicle, among the appropriate
101.13 agencies and prosecuting authorities in each jurisdiction.

101.14 ~~(j)~~ (i) Upon successful completion of the program, the stayed forfeiture proceeding is
101.15 terminated or dismissed and any vehicle, security, or bond held by an agency must be
101.16 returned to the owner of the vehicle.

101.17 ~~(k)~~ (j) A claimant of a vehicle for which a forfeiture action was stayed under paragraph
101.18 (a) but which later proceeds under paragraph (b), may file a demand for judicial forfeiture
101.19 as provided in subdivision 8, in which case the forfeiture proceedings must be conducted
101.20 as provided in subdivision 9.

101.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022, and applies to seizures
101.22 that take place on or after that date.

101.23 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 169A.63, is amended by adding a subdivision to
101.24 read:

101.25 **Subd. 14. Subsequent unlawful use of seized vehicle; immunity.** An appropriate
101.26 agency or prosecuting authority, including but not limited to any peace officer as defined
101.27 in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph (c); prosecutor; or employee of an appropriate
101.28 agency or prosecuting authority who, in good faith and within the course and scope of the
101.29 official duties of the person or entity, returns a vehicle seized under this chapter to the owner
101.30 pursuant to this section shall be immune from criminal or civil liability regarding any event
101.31 arising out of the subsequent unlawful or unauthorized use of the motor vehicle.

101.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022.

102.1 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 609.531, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

102.2 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For the purpose of sections 609.531 to 609.5318, the
102.3 following terms have the meanings given them.

102.4 (a) "Conveyance device" means a device used for transportation and includes, but is not
102.5 limited to, a motor vehicle, trailer, snowmobile, airplane, and vessel and any equipment
102.6 attached to it. The term "conveyance device" does not include property which is, in fact,
102.7 itself stolen or taken in violation of the law.

102.8 (b) "Weapon used" means a dangerous weapon as defined under section 609.02,
102.9 subdivision 6, that the actor used or had in possession in furtherance of a crime.

102.10 (c) "Property" means property as defined in section 609.52, subdivision 1, clause (1).

102.11 (d) "Contraband" means property which is illegal to possess under Minnesota law.

102.12 (e) "Appropriate agency" means the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Department
102.13 of Commerce Fraud Bureau, the Minnesota Division of Driver and Vehicle Services, the
102.14 Minnesota State Patrol, a county sheriff's department, the Three Rivers Park District park
102.15 rangers Department of Public Safety, the Department of Natural Resources Division of

102.16 Enforcement, the University of Minnesota Police Department, the Department of Corrections
102.17 Fugitive Apprehension Unit, a city, metropolitan transit, or airport police department; or a
102.18 multijurisdictional entity established under section 299A.642 or 299A.681.

102.19 (f) "Designated offense" includes:

102.20 (1) for weapons used: any violation of this chapter, chapter 152 or 624;

102.21 (2) for driver's license or identification card transactions: any violation of section 171.22;

102.22 and

102.23 (3) for all other purposes: a felony violation of, or a felony-level attempt or conspiracy
102.24 to violate, section 325E.17; 325E.18; 609.185; 609.19; 609.195; 609.2112; 609.2113;
102.25 609.2114; 609.221; 609.222; 609.223; 609.2231; 609.2335; 609.24; 609.245; 609.25;
102.26 609.255; 609.282; 609.283; 609.322; 609.342, subdivision 1, clauses (a) to (f); 609.343,
102.27 subdivision 1, clauses (a) to (f); 609.344, subdivision 1, clauses (a) to (e), and (h) to (j);
102.28 609.345, subdivision 1, clauses (a) to (e), and (h) to (j); 609.352; 609.42; 609.425; 609.466;
102.29 609.485; 609.487; 609.52; 609.525; 609.527; 609.528; 609.53; 609.54; 609.551; 609.561;
102.30 609.562; 609.563; 609.582; 609.59; 609.595; 609.611; 609.631; 609.66, subdivision 1e;
102.31 609.671, subdivisions 3, 4, 5, 8, and 12; 609.687; 609.821; 609.825; 609.86; 609.88; 609.89;
102.32 609.893; 609.895; 617.246; 617.247; or a gross misdemeanor or felony violation of section
103.1 609.891 or 624.7181; or any violation of section 609.324; or a felony violation of, or a
103.2 felony-level attempt or conspiracy to violate, Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 609.21.

103.3 (g) "Controlled substance" has the meaning given in section 152.01, subdivision 4.

103.4 (h) "Prosecuting authority" means the attorney who is responsible for prosecuting an
103.5 offense that is the basis for a forfeiture under sections 609.531 to 609.5318.

103.6 (i) "Asserting person" means a person, other than the driver alleged to have used a vehicle
103.7 in the transportation or exchange of a controlled substance intended for distribution or sale,
103.8 claiming an ownership interest in a vehicle that has been seized or restrained under this
103.9 section.

103.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022.

103.11 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 609.531, is amended by adding a subdivision
103.12 to read:

103.13 Subd. 9. **Transfer of forfeitable property to federal government.** The appropriate
103.14 agency shall not directly or indirectly transfer property subject to forfeiture under sections
103.15 609.531 to 609.5318 to a federal agency for adoption if the forfeiture would be prohibited
103.16 under state law.

103.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022, and applies to seizures
103.18 that take place on or after that date.

103.19 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 609.5311, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

103.20 Subd. 2. **Associated property.** (a) All ~~personal property, and real and personal property,~~
103.21 ~~other than homestead property exempt from seizure under section 510.01, that has been~~
103.22 ~~used, or is intended for use, or has in any way facilitated, in whole or in part, the~~
103.23 ~~manufacturing, compounding, processing, delivering, importing, cultivating, exporting,~~
103.24 ~~transporting, or exchanging of contraband or a controlled substance that has not been lawfully~~
103.25 ~~manufactured, distributed, dispensed, and acquired~~ is an instrument or represents the proceeds
103.26 of a controlled substance offense is subject to forfeiture under this section, except as provided
103.27 in subdivision 3.

103.28 (b) The Department of Corrections Fugitive Apprehension Unit shall not seize real
103.29 property for the purposes of forfeiture under paragraph (a).

103.30 (c) Money is the property of an appropriate agency and may be seized and recovered by
103.31 the appropriate agency if:

104.1 (1) the money is used by an appropriate agency, or furnished to a person operating on
104.2 behalf of an appropriate agency, to purchase or attempt to purchase a controlled substance;
104.3 and

104.4 (2) the appropriate agency records the serial number or otherwise marks the money for
104.5 identification.

104.6 As used in this paragraph, "money" means United States currency and coin; the currency
104.7 and coin of a foreign country; a bank check, cashier's check, or traveler's check; a prepaid
104.8 credit card; cryptocurrency; or a money order.

104.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022, and applies to seizures
104.10 that take place on or after that date.

104.11 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 609.5311, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

104.12 Subd. 3. **Limitations on forfeiture of certain property associated with controlled**
104.13 **substances.** (a) A conveyance device is subject to forfeiture under this section only if the
104.14 retail value of the controlled substance is ~~\$75~~ \$100 or more and the conveyance device ~~is~~
104.15 ~~associated with a felony-level controlled substance crime~~ was used in the transportation or
104.16 exchange of a controlled substance intended for distribution or sale.

104.17 (b) Real property is subject to forfeiture under this section only if the retail value of the
104.18 controlled substance or contraband is \$2,000 or more.

104.19 (c) Property used by any person as a common carrier in the transaction of business as a
104.20 common carrier is subject to forfeiture under this section only if the owner of the property
104.21 is a consenting party to, or is privy to, the use or intended use of the property as described
104.22 in subdivision 2.

104.23 (d) Property is subject to forfeiture under this section only if its owner was privy to the
104.24 use or intended use described in subdivision 2, or the unlawful use or intended use of the
104.25 property otherwise occurred with the owner's knowledge or consent.

104.26 (e) Forfeiture under this section of a conveyance device or real property encumbered by
104.27 a bona fide security interest is subject to the interest of the secured party unless the secured
104.28 party had knowledge of or consented to the act or omission upon which the forfeiture is
104.29 based. A person claiming a security interest bears the burden of establishing that interest
104.30 by clear and convincing evidence.

105.1 (f) Forfeiture under this section of real property is subject to the interests of a good faith
105.2 purchaser for value unless the purchaser had knowledge of or consented to the act or omission
105.3 upon which the forfeiture is based.

105.4 (g) Notwithstanding paragraphs (d), (e), and (f), property is not subject to forfeiture
105.5 based solely on the owner's or secured party's knowledge of the unlawful use or intended
105.6 use of the property if: (1) the owner or secured party took reasonable steps to terminate use
105.7 of the property by the offender; or (2) the property is real property owned by the parent of
105.8 the offender, unless the parent actively participated in, or knowingly acquiesced to, a violation
105.9 of chapter 152, or the real property constitutes proceeds derived from or traceable to a use
105.10 described in subdivision 2.

105.11 (h) Money is subject to forfeiture under this section only if it has a total value of \$1,500
105.12 or more or there is probable cause to believe that the money was exchanged for the purchase
105.13 of a controlled substance. As used in this paragraph, "money" means United States currency
105.14 and coin; the currency and coin of a foreign country; a bank check, cashier's check, or
105.15 traveler's check; a prepaid credit card; cryptocurrency; or a money order.

105.16 ~~(i)~~ (i) The Department of Corrections Fugitive Apprehension Unit shall not seize a
105.17 conveyance device or real property, for the purposes of forfeiture under paragraphs (a) to
105.18 (g).

105.19 (j) Nothing in this subdivision prohibits the seizure, with or without warrant, of any
105.20 property or thing for the purpose of being produced as evidence on any trial or for any other
105.21 lawful purpose.

105.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022, and applies to seizures
105.23 that take place on or after that date.

105.24 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 609.5311, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

105.25 Subd. 4. **Records; proceeds.** ~~(a)~~ All books, records, and research products and materials,
105.26 including formulas, microfilm, tapes, and data that are used, or intended for use in the
105.27 manner described in subdivision 2 are subject to forfeiture.

105.28 ~~(b) All property, real and personal, that represents proceeds derived from or traceable~~
105.29 ~~to a use described in subdivision 2 is subject to forfeiture.~~

105.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022, and applies to seizures
105.31 that take place on or after that date.

106.1 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 609.5314, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

106.2 Subdivision 1. **Property subject to administrative forfeiture; presumption.** (a) The
106.3 following are ~~presumed to be~~ subject to administrative forfeiture under this section:

106.4 (1) all money totaling \$1,500 or more, precious metals, and precious stones ~~found in~~
106.5 ~~proximity to:~~ that there is probable cause to believe represent the proceeds of a controlled
106.6 substance offense;

106.7 ~~(i) controlled substances;~~

106.8 ~~(ii) forfeitable drug manufacturing or distributing equipment or devices; or~~

106.9 ~~(iii) forfeitable records of manufacture or distribution of controlled substances;~~

106.10 (2) all money found in proximity to controlled substances when there is probable cause
106.11 to believe that the money was exchanged for the purchase of a controlled substance;

106.12 ~~(3)~~ (3) all conveyance devices containing controlled substances with a retail value of
106.13 \$100 or more if ~~possession or sale of the controlled substance would be a felony under~~
106.14 ~~chapter 152~~ there is probable cause to believe that the conveyance device was used in the
106.15 transportation or exchange of a controlled substance intended for distribution or sale; and

106.16 ~~(4)~~ (4) all firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories found:

106.17 (i) in a conveyance device used or intended for use to commit or facilitate the commission
106.18 of a felony offense involving a controlled substance;

106.19 (ii) on or in proximity to a person from whom a felony amount of controlled substance
106.20 is seized; or

106.21 (iii) on the premises where a controlled substance is seized and in proximity to the
106.22 controlled substance, if possession or sale of the controlled substance would be a felony
106.23 under chapter 152.

106.24 (b) The Department of Corrections Fugitive Apprehension Unit shall not seize items
106.25 listed in paragraph (a), clauses ~~(2)~~ (3) and ~~(3)~~ (4), for the purposes of forfeiture.

106.26 (c) ~~A claimant of the property bears the burden to rebut this presumption. Money is the~~
106.27 property of an appropriate agency and may be seized and recovered by the appropriate
106.28 agency if:

106.29 (1) the money is used by an appropriate agency, or furnished to a person operating on
106.30 behalf of an appropriate agency, to purchase or attempt to purchase a controlled substance;
106.31 and

107.1 (2) the appropriate agency records the serial number or otherwise marks the money for
107.2 identification.

107.3 (d) As used in this section, "money" means United States currency and coin; the currency
107.4 and coin of a foreign country; a bank check, cashier's check, or traveler's check; a prepaid
107.5 credit card; cryptocurrency; or a money order.

107.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022, and applies to seizures
107.7 that take place on or after that date.

107.8 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 609.5314, is amended by adding a subdivision
107.9 to read:

107.10 Subd. 1a. **Innocent owner.** (a) Any person, other than the defendant driver, alleged to
107.11 have used a vehicle in the transportation or exchange of a controlled substance intended for
107.12 distribution or sale, claiming an ownership interest in a vehicle that has been seized or
107.13 restrained under this section may assert that right by notifying the prosecuting authority in
107.14 writing and within 60 days of the service of the notice of seizure.

107.15 (b) Upon receipt of notice pursuant to paragraph (a), the prosecuting authority may
107.16 release the vehicle to the asserting person. If the prosecuting authority proceeds with the
107.17 forfeiture, the prosecuting authority must, within 30 days, file a separate complaint in the
107.18 name of the jurisdiction pursuing the forfeiture against the vehicle, describing the vehicle,
107.19 specifying that the vehicle was used in the transportation or exchange of a controlled
107.20 substance intended for distribution or sale, and specifying the time and place of the vehicle's
107.21 unlawful use. The complaint may be filed in district court or conciliation court and the filing
107.22 fee is waived.

107.23 (c) A complaint filed by the prosecuting authority must be served on the asserting person
107.24 and on any other registered owners. Service may be made by certified mail at the address
107.25 listed in the Department of Public Safety's computerized motor vehicle registration records
107.26 or by any means permitted by court rules.

107.27 (d) The hearing on the complaint shall, to the extent practicable, be held within 30 days
107.28 of the filing of the petition. The court may consolidate the hearing on the complaint with a
107.29 hearing on any other complaint involving a claim of an ownership interest in the same
107.30 vehicle.

107.31 (e) At a hearing held pursuant to this subdivision, the state must prove by a preponderance
107.32 of the evidence that:

107.33 (1) the seizure was incident to a lawful arrest or a lawful search; and

108.1 (2) the vehicle was used in the transportation or exchange of a controlled substance
108.2 intended for distribution or sale.

- 108.3 (f) At a hearing held pursuant to this subdivision, the asserting person must prove by a
108.4 preponderance of the evidence that the asserting person:
- 108.5 (1) has an actual ownership interest in the vehicle; and
- 108.6 (2) did not have actual or constructive knowledge that the vehicle would be used or
108.7 operated in any manner contrary to law or that the asserting person took reasonable steps
108.8 to prevent use of the vehicle by the alleged offender.
- 108.9 (g) If the court determines that the state met both burdens under paragraph (e) and the
108.10 asserting person failed to meet any burden under paragraph (f), the court shall order that
108.11 the vehicle remains subject to forfeiture under this section.
- 108.12 (h) The court shall order that the vehicle is not subject to forfeiture under this section
108.13 and shall order the vehicle returned to the asserting person if it determines that:
- 108.14 (1) the state failed to meet any burden under paragraph (e);
- 108.15 (2) the asserting person proved both elements under paragraph (f); or
- 108.16 (3) clauses (1) and (2) apply.
- 108.17 (i) If the court determines that the asserting person is an innocent owner and orders the
108.18 vehicle returned to the innocent owner, an entity in possession of the vehicle is not required
108.19 to release the vehicle until the innocent owner pays:
- 108.20 (1) the reasonable costs of the towing, seizure, and storage of the vehicle incurred before
108.21 the innocent owner provided the notice required under paragraph (a); and
- 108.22 (2) any reasonable costs of storage of the vehicle incurred more than two weeks after
108.23 an order issued under paragraph (h).
- 108.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022, and applies to seizures
108.25 that take place on or after that date.
- 108.26 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 609.5314, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 108.27 Subd. 2. **Administrative forfeiture procedure.** (a) Forfeiture of property described in
108.28 subdivision 1 that does not exceed \$50,000 in value is governed by this subdivision. Within
108.29 60 days from when seizure occurs, all persons known to have an ownership, possessory, or
108.30 security interest in seized property must be notified of the seizure and the intent to forfeit
108.31 the property. In the case of a motor vehicle required to be registered under chapter 168,
109.1 notice mailed by certified mail to the address shown in Department of Public Safety records
109.2 is deemed sufficient notice to the registered owner. The notification to a person known to
109.3 have a security interest in seized property required under this paragraph applies only to
109.4 motor vehicles required to be registered under chapter 168 and only if the security interest
109.5 is listed on the vehicle's title. Upon motion by the appropriate agency or the prosecuting
109.6 authority, a court may extend the time period for sending notice for a period not to exceed
109.7 90 days for good cause shown.

109.8 (b) Notice may otherwise be given in the manner provided by law for service of a
109.9 summons in a civil action. The notice must be in writing and contain:

109.10 (1) a description of the property seized;

109.11 (2) the date of seizure; and

109.12 (3) notice of the right to obtain judicial review of the forfeiture and of the procedure for
109.13 obtaining that judicial review, printed in English. This requirement does not preclude the
109.14 appropriate agency from printing the notice in other languages in addition to English.

109.15 Substantially the following language must appear conspicuously in the notice:

109.16 "WARNING: If you were the person arrested when the property was seized, you will
109.17 automatically lose the above-described property and the right to be heard in court if you do
109.18 not file a lawsuit and serve the prosecuting authority within 60 days. You may file your
109.19 lawsuit in conciliation court if the property is worth \$15,000 or less; otherwise, you must
109.20 file in district court. You may do not have to pay a filing fee for your lawsuit if you are
109.21 unable to afford the fee. You do not have to pay a conciliation court fee if your property is
109.22 worth less than \$500."

109.23 WARNING: If you have an ownership interest in the above-described property and were
109.24 not the person arrested when the property was seized, you will automatically lose the
109.25 above-described property and the right to be heard in court if you do not notify the
109.26 prosecuting authority of your interest in writing within 60 days."

109.27 (c) If notice is not sent in accordance with paragraph (a), and no time extension is granted
109.28 or the extension period has expired, the appropriate agency shall return the property to the
109.29 person from whom the property was seized, if known. An agency's return of property due
109.30 to lack of proper notice does not restrict the agency's authority to commence a forfeiture
109.31 proceeding at a later time. The agency shall not be required to return contraband or other
109.32 property that the person from whom the property was seized may not legally possess.

110.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022, and applies to seizures
110.2 that take place on or after that date.

110.3 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 609.5314, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

110.4 Subd. 3. **Judicial determination.** (a) Within 60 days following service of a notice of
110.5 seizure and forfeiture under this section, a claimant may file a demand for a judicial
110.6 determination of the forfeiture. The demand must be in the form of a civil complaint and
110.7 must be filed with the court administrator in the county in which the seizure occurred,
110.8 together with proof of service of a copy of the complaint on the prosecuting authority for
110.9 that county, ~~and the standard filing fee for civil actions unless the petitioner has the right~~
110.10 ~~to sue in forma pauperis under section 563.01.~~ The claimant may serve the complaint on
110.11 the prosecuting authority by any means permitted by court rules. If the value of the seized
110.12 property is \$15,000 or less, the claimant may file an action in conciliation court for recovery
110.13 of the seized property. ~~If the value of the seized property is less than \$500, The claimant~~

110.14 does not have to pay the ~~conciliation~~ court filing fee. No responsive pleading is required of
110.15 the prosecuting authority and no court fees may be charged for the prosecuting authority's
110.16 appearance in the matter. The district court administrator shall schedule the hearing as soon
110.17 as practicable after, and in any event no later than 90 days following, the conclusion of the
110.18 criminal prosecution. The proceedings are governed by the Rules of Civil Procedure.

110.19 (b) The complaint must be captioned in the name of the claimant as plaintiff and the
110.20 seized property as defendant, and must state with specificity the grounds on which the
110.21 claimant alleges the property was improperly seized and the plaintiff's interest in the property
110.22 seized. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, an action for the return of property seized
110.23 under this section may not be maintained by or on behalf of any person who has been served
110.24 with a notice of seizure and forfeiture unless the person has complied with this subdivision.

110.25 (c) If the claimant makes a timely demand for judicial determination under this
110.26 subdivision, the appropriate agency must conduct the forfeiture under section 609.531,
110.27 subdivision 6a. The limitations and defenses set forth in section 609.5311, subdivision 3,
110.28 apply to the judicial determination.

110.29 (d) If a demand for judicial determination of an administrative forfeiture is filed under
110.30 this subdivision and the court orders the return of the seized property, ~~the court shall order~~
110.31 ~~that filing fees be reimbursed to the person who filed the demand. In addition,~~ the court
110.32 may order sanctions under section 549.211. If the court orders payment of these costs, they
110.33 must be paid from forfeited money or proceeds from the sale of forfeited property from the
111.1 appropriate law enforcement and prosecuting agencies in the same proportion as they would
111.2 be distributed under section 609.5315, subdivision 5.

111.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022, and applies to seizures
111.4 that take place on or after that date.

111.5 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 609.5315, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

111.6 Subd. 5. **Distribution of money.** The money or proceeds from the sale of forfeited
111.7 property, after payment of seizure, storage, forfeiture, and sale expenses, and satisfaction
111.8 of valid liens against the property, must be distributed as follows:

111.9 (1) 70 percent of the money or proceeds must be forwarded to the appropriate agency
111.10 for deposit as a supplement to the agency's operating fund or similar fund for use in law
111.11 enforcement, training, education, crime prevention, equipment, or capital expenses;

111.12 (2) 20 percent of the money or proceeds must be forwarded to the prosecuting authority
111.13 that handled the forfeiture for deposit as a supplement to its operating fund or similar fund
111.14 for prosecutorial purposes, training, education, crime prevention, equipment, or capital
111.15 expenses; and

111.16 (3) the remaining ten percent of the money or proceeds must be forwarded within 60
111.17 days after resolution of the forfeiture to the state treasury and credited to the general fund.
111.18 Any local police relief association organized under chapter 423 which received or was

111.19 entitled to receive the proceeds of any sale made under this section before the effective date
111.20 of Laws 1988, chapter 665, sections 1 to 17, shall continue to receive and retain the proceeds
111.21 of these sales.

111.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022, and applies to seizures
111.23 that take place on or after that date.

111.24 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 609.5315, subdivision 5b, is amended to read:

111.25 Subd. 5b. **Disposition of certain forfeited proceeds; trafficking of persons; report**
111.26 **required.** ~~(a)~~ Except as provided in subdivision 5c, for forfeitures resulting from violations
111.27 of section 609.282, 609.283, or 609.322, the money or proceeds from the sale of forfeited
111.28 property, after payment of seizure, storage, forfeiture, and sale expenses, and satisfaction
111.29 of valid liens against the property, must be distributed as follows:

111.30 (1) 40 percent of the proceeds must be forwarded to the appropriate agency for deposit
111.31 as a supplement to the agency's operating fund or similar fund for use in law enforcement;

112.1 (2) 20 percent of the proceeds must be forwarded to the prosecuting authority that handled
112.2 the forfeiture for deposit as a supplement to its operating fund or similar fund for
112.3 prosecutorial purposes; and

112.4 (3) the remaining 40 percent of the proceeds must be forwarded to the commissioner of
112.5 health and are appropriated to the commissioner for distribution to crime victims services
112.6 organizations that provide services to victims of trafficking offenses.

112.7 ~~(b) By February 15 of each year, the commissioner of public safety shall report to the~~
112.8 ~~chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees~~
112.9 ~~or divisions having jurisdiction over criminal justice funding on the money collected under~~
112.10 ~~paragraph (a), clause (3). The report must indicate the following relating to the preceding~~
112.11 ~~calendar year:~~

112.12 ~~(1) the amount of money appropriated to the commissioner;~~

112.13 ~~(2) how the money was distributed by the commissioner; and~~

112.14 ~~(3) what the organizations that received the money did with it.~~

112.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022, and applies to seizures
112.16 that take place on or after that date.

112.17 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 609.5315, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

112.18 Subd. 6. **Reporting requirement.** (a) For each forfeiture occurring in the state regardless
112.19 of the authority for it and including forfeitures pursued under federal law, the appropriate
112.20 agency and the prosecuting authority shall provide a written record of the forfeiture incident
112.21 to the state auditor. The record shall include:

- 112.22 (1) the amount forfeited;
- 112.23 (2) the statutory authority for the forfeiture;~~its;~~
- 112.24 (3) the date; ~~of the forfeiture;~~
- 112.25 (4) a brief description of the circumstances involved;~~and;~~
- 112.26 (5) whether the forfeiture was contested;
- 112.27 (6) whether the defendant was convicted pursuant to a plea agreement or a trial;
- 112.28 (7) whether there was a forfeiture settlement agreement;
- 112.29 (8) whether the property was sold, destroyed, or retained by an appropriate agency;
- 112.30 (9) the gross revenue from the disposition of the forfeited property;
- 113.1 (10) an estimate of the total costs to the agency to store the property in an impound lot,
- 113.2 evidence room, or other location; pay for the time and expenses of an appropriate agency
- 113.3 and prosecuting authority to litigate forfeiture cases; and sell or dispose of the forfeited
- 113.4 property;
- 113.5 (11) the net revenue, determined by subtracting the costs identified under clause (10)
- 113.6 from the gross revenue identified in clause (9), the appropriate agency received from the
- 113.7 disposition of forfeited property;
- 113.8 (12) if any property was retained by an appropriate agency, the purpose for which it is
- 113.9 used;
- 113.10 (13) for controlled substance and driving while impaired forfeitures, the record shall
- 113.11 indicate whether the forfeiture was initiated as an administrative or a judicial forfeiture.
- 113.12 ~~The record shall also list;~~
- 113.13 (14) the number of firearms forfeited and the make, model, and serial number of each
- 113.14 firearm forfeited. The record shall indicate; and
- 113.15 (15) how the property was or is to be disposed of.
- 113.16 (b) An appropriate agency or the prosecuting authority shall report to the state auditor
- 113.17 all instances in which property seized for forfeiture is returned to its owner either because
- 113.18 forfeiture is not pursued or for any other reason.
- 113.19 (c) Each appropriate agency and prosecuting authority shall provide a written record
- 113.20 regarding the proceeds of forfeited property, including proceeds received through forfeiture
- 113.21 under state and federal law. The record shall include:
- 113.22 (1) the total amount of money or proceeds from the sale of forfeited property obtained
- 113.23 or received by an appropriate agency or prosecuting authority in the previous reporting
- 113.24 period;

- 113.25 (2) the manner in which each appropriate agency and prosecuting authority expended
113.26 money or proceeds from the sale of forfeited property in the previous reporting period,
113.27 including the total amount expended in the following categories:
- 113.28 (i) drug abuse, crime, and gang prevention programs;
113.29 (ii) victim reparations;
113.30 (iii) gifts or grants to crime victim service organizations that provide services to sexually
113.31 exploited youth;
- 114.1 (iv) gifts or grants to crime victim service organizations that provide services to victims
114.2 of trafficking offenses;
- 114.3 (v) investigation costs, including but not limited to witness protection, informant fees,
114.4 and controlled buys;
- 114.5 (vi) court costs and attorney fees;
114.6 (vii) salaries, overtime, and benefits, as permitted by law;
- 114.7 (viii) professional outside services, including but not limited to auditing, court reporting,
114.8 expert witness fees, outside attorney fees, and membership fees paid to trade associations;
- 114.9 (ix) travel, meals, and conferences;
114.10 (x) training and continuing education;
- 114.11 (xi) other operating expenses, including but not limited to office supplies, postage, and
114.12 printing;
- 114.13 (xii) capital expenditures, including but not limited to vehicles, firearms, equipment,
114.14 computers, and furniture;
- 114.15 (xiii) gifts or grants to nonprofit or other programs, indicating the recipient of the gift
114.16 or grant; and
- 114.17 (xiv) any other expenditure, indicating the type of expenditure and, if applicable, the
114.18 recipient of any gift or grant;
- 114.19 (3) the total value of seized and forfeited property held by an appropriate agency and
114.20 not sold or otherwise disposed of; and
- 114.21 (4) a statement from the end of each year showing the balance of any designated forfeiture
114.22 accounts maintained by an appropriate agency or prosecuting authority.
- 114.23 (d) Reports under paragraphs (a) and (b) shall be made on a ~~monthly~~ quarterly basis
114.24 in a manner prescribed by the state auditor and reports under paragraph (c) shall be made
114.25 on an annual basis in a manner prescribed by the state auditor. The state auditor shall report
114.26 annually to the legislature on the nature and extent of forfeitures-, including the information
114.27 provided by each appropriate agency or prosecuting authority under paragraphs (a) to (c).

114.28 Summary data on seizures, forfeitures, and expenditures of forfeiture proceeds shall be
114.29 disaggregated by each appropriate agency and prosecuting authority. The report shall be
114.30 made public on the state auditor's website.

115.1 ~~(d)~~ (e) For forfeitures resulting from the activities of multijurisdictional law enforcement
115.2 entities, the entity on its own behalf shall report the information required in this subdivision.

115.3 ~~(e)~~ (f) The prosecuting authority is not required to report information required by ~~this~~
115.4 ~~subdivision~~ paragraph (a) or (b) unless the prosecuting authority has been notified by the
115.5 state auditor that the appropriate agency has not reported it.

115.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022, and applies to seizures
115.7 that take place on or after that date.

115.8 Sec. 21. **RECIDIVISM STUDY.**

115.9 The legislative auditor shall conduct or contract with an independent third-party vendor
115.10 to conduct a comprehensive program audit on the efficacy of forfeiture and the use of ignition
115.11 interlock in cases involving an alleged violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 169A.20.
115.12 The audit shall assess the financial impact of the programs, the efficacy in reducing
115.13 recidivism, and the impacts, if any, on public safety. The audit shall be conducted in
115.14 accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards issued by the United
115.15 States Government Accountability Office. The legislative auditor shall complete the audit
115.16 no later than August 1, 2024, and shall report the results of the audit to the chairs and ranking
115.17 minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over public
115.18 safety by January 15, 2025.

115.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022.

115.20 Sec. 22. **REPEALER.**

115.21 Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 609.5317, is repealed.

115.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022.