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**ARTICLE 3**

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**FINANCIAL CRIMES AND FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS**

43.24 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 13.82, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

43.25 Subdivision 1. **Application.** This section shall apply to agencies which carry on a law  
43.26 enforcement function, including but not limited to municipal police departments, county  
43.27 sheriff departments, fire departments, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Minnesota  
43.28 State Patrol, the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training, ~~the Department of~~  
43.29 ~~Commerce~~, and county human service agency client and provider fraud investigation,  
43.30 prevention, and control units operated or supervised by the Department of Human Services.

44.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 43A.17, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

44.2 Subd. 13. **Compensation for law enforcement officers.** (a) For purposes of this  
44.3 subdivision, the term "law enforcement officers" means all licensed peace officers employed  
44.4 by the state who are included in the state units under section 179A.10, subdivision 2,  
44.5 including without limitation: Minnesota State Patrol troopers, Bureau of Criminal  
44.6 Apprehension agents, including Financial Crimes and Fraud Section agents, and Alcohol  
44.7 and Gambling Enforcement agents, in the Department of Public Safety; Department of  
44.8 Natural Resources conservation officers; and Department of Corrections Fugitive  
44.9 Apprehension Unit members; ~~and Commerce Fraud Bureau agents in the Department of~~  
44.10 ~~Commerce~~.

44.11 (b) When the commissioner of management and budget negotiates a collective bargaining  
44.12 agreement establishing compensation for law enforcement officers, the commissioner must  
44.13 use compensation and benefit data from the most recent salary and benefits survey conducted  
44.14 pursuant to section 299D.03, subdivision 2a, to compare salaries to ensure appropriate  
44.15 increases are made to law enforcement officer salaries and benefits.

44.16 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 45.0135, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

44.17 Subd. 2b. **Duties.** The commissioner of commerce ~~Fraud Bureau shall~~ may:

44.18 (1) review notices and reports ~~within the Commerce Fraud Bureau's primary jurisdiction~~  
44.19 submitted by authorized insurers, their employees, and agents or producers regarding  
44.20 insurance fraud, as defined in section 60A.951, subdivision 4;

44.21 ~~(2) respond to notifications or complaints within the Commerce Fraud Bureau's primary~~  
44.22 ~~jurisdiction generated by other law enforcement agencies, state or federal governmental~~  
44.23 ~~units, or any other person;~~

44.24 ~~(3) (2) initiate inquiries and conduct investigations under section 45.027 when the bureau~~  
44.25 ~~commissioner has reason to believe that an offense within the Commerce Fraud Bureau's~~  
44.26 ~~primary jurisdiction insurance fraud, as defined in section 60A.951, subdivision 4, has been~~  
44.27 ~~or is being committed; and~~

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44.28 ~~(4) report crimes disclosed by the Commerce Fraud Bureau's investigations to appropriate~~  
44.29 ~~law enforcement agencies, including, but not limited to, the attorney general, county~~  
44.30 ~~attorneys, or any other appropriate law enforcement or regulatory agency, and shall assemble~~  
44.31 ~~evidence, prepare charges, and otherwise assist any law enforcement authority having~~  
44.32 ~~jurisdiction.~~

45.1 (3) share active investigative data pursuant to section 13.39 concerning insurance fraud  
45.2 with the commissioner of public safety and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

45.3 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 45.0135, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
45.4 read:

45.5 Subd. 2g. **Criminal insurance fraud investigations.** (a) The Bureau of Criminal  
45.6 Apprehension shall conduct investigations of criminal insurance fraud, as defined in section  
45.7 609.611, in accordance with section 299C.061.

45.8 (b) The commissioner shall report criminal insurance fraud-related crimes disclosed by  
45.9 the Department of Commerce's investigations of civil insurance fraud to the Bureau of  
45.10 Criminal Apprehension.

45.11 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 45.0135, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

45.12 Subd. 6. **Insurance fraud prevention account.** The insurance fraud prevention account  
45.13 is created in the state treasury. Money received from assessments under ~~subdivision 7 section~~  
45.14 ~~299C.061, subdivision 10,~~ and transferred from the automobile theft prevention account in  
45.15 sections 65B.84, subdivision 1, and 297I.11, subdivision 2, is deposited in the account.  
45.16 Money in this fund is appropriated to the commissioner of ~~commerce~~ public safety for the  
45.17 purposes specified in this section and sections 60A.951 to 60A.956.

45.18 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 45.0135, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

45.19 Subd. 7. **Assessment.** Each insurer authorized to sell insurance in the state of Minnesota,  
45.20 including surplus lines carriers, and having Minnesota earned premium the previous calendar  
45.21 year shall remit an assessment to the commissioner of public safety for deposit in the  
45.22 insurance fraud prevention account on or before June 1 of each year. The amount of the  
45.23 assessment shall be based on the insurer's total assets and on the insurer's total written  
45.24 Minnesota premium, for the preceding fiscal year, as reported pursuant to section 60A.13.  
45.25 The commissioner of public safety shall consult with the commissioner of commerce for  
45.26 purposes of calculating the assessment amount. Beginning with the payment due on or  
45.27 before June 1, 2024, the assessment amount is:

	Total Assets	Assessment
45.28		
45.29	Less than \$100,000,000	\$ 400
45.30	\$100,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000	\$ 1,500

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46.4 For purposes of this subdivision, the following entities are not considered to be insurers  
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46.6 mutuals organized under chapter 67A.

46.7 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 45.0135, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

46.8 Subd. 8. **Investigations; health-related boards.** (a) The ~~Commerce Fraud~~ Bureau of  
46.9 Criminal Apprehension may consult with the appropriate health-related board when a  
46.10 licensee, licensed under chapter 144E, 147, 148, 148B, or 150A, is suspected of insurance  
46.11 fraud.

46.12 (b) The bureau shall, for any conviction involving or related to insurance, send copies  
46.13 of all public data in its possession to the appropriate health-related licensing board.

46.14 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 45.0135, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

46.15 Subd. 9. **Administrative penalty for insurance fraud.** (a) The commissioner may:

46.16 (1) impose an administrative penalty against any person in an amount as set forth in  
46.17 paragraph (b) for each intentional act of insurance fraud or substantiated acts of attempted  
46.18 insurance fraud as defined in section 60A.951, subdivision 4, committed by that person;

46.19 (2) order restitution to any person suffering loss as a result of the insurance fraud; and

46.20 (3) order restitution to a company for the reasonable documented cost of any investigation  
46.21 in connection with the insurance fraud.

46.22 (b) The administrative penalty for each violation described in paragraph (a) may be no  
46.23 more than:

46.24 (1) \$20,000 if the funds or the value of the property or services wrongfully obtained  
46.25 exceeds \$5,000;

46.26 (2) \$10,000 if the funds or value of the property or services wrongfully obtained exceeds  
46.27 \$1,000, but not more than \$5,000;

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46.30 (4) \$1,000 if the funds or value of the property or services wrongfully obtained is \$500  
46.31 or less.

47.1 (c) If an administrative penalty is not paid after all rights of appeal have been waived  
47.2 or exhausted, the commissioner may bring a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction  
47.3 to collect the administrative penalty, including expenses and litigation costs, reasonable  
47.4 attorney fees, and interest.

47.5 (d) This section does not affect a person's right to seek recovery, including expenses  
47.6 and litigation costs, reasonable attorney fees, and interest, against any person that commits  
47.7 insurance fraud.

47.8 (e) For purposes of this subdivision, "insurance fraud" has the meaning given in section  
47.9 60A.951, subdivision 4.

47.10 (f) Hearings under this subdivision must be conducted in accordance with chapter 14  
47.11 and any other applicable law.

47.12 (g) All revenues from penalties, expenses, costs, fees, and interest collected under  
47.13 paragraphs (a) to (c) shall be deposited ~~in~~ into the insurance fraud prevention account under  
47.14 ~~subdivision 6~~ section 299C.061, subdivision 9.

47.15 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 60A.951, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

47.16 Subd. 2. **Authorized person.** "Authorized person" means the county attorney, sheriff,  
47.17 or chief of police responsible for investigations in the county where the suspected insurance  
47.18 fraud occurred; the superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension; the commissioner  
47.19 of commerce; ~~the Commerce Fraud Bureau~~; the commissioner of labor and industry; the  
47.20 attorney general; or any duly constituted criminal investigative department or agency of the  
47.21 United States.

47.22 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 60A.952, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

47.23 Subd. 2. **Notice to and cooperation with the ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau~~ Bureau of Criminal**  
47.24 **Apprehension.** Any insurer or insurance professional that has reasonable belief that an act  
47.25 of insurance fraud will be, is being, or has been committed, shall furnish and disclose all  
47.26 relevant information to the ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau~~ Bureau of Criminal Apprehension or to any  
47.27 authorized person and cooperate fully with any investigation conducted by the ~~Commerce~~  
47.28 ~~Fraud Bureau~~ Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. Any person that has a reasonable belief that an  
47.29 act of insurance fraud will be, is being, or has been committed, or any person who collects,  
47.30 reviews, or analyzes information concerning insurance fraud may furnish and disclose any  
47.31 information in its possession concerning the act to the ~~Commerce Fraud~~ Bureau, any  
47.32 authorized person, or to an authorized representative of an insurer that requests the  
48.1 information for the purpose of detecting, prosecuting, or preventing insurance fraud. The  
48.2 insurer may also release relevant information to any person authorized to receive the  
48.3 information under section 72A.502, subdivision 2. If disclosure is made to an authorized

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64.29 that has a reasonable belief that an act of insurance fraud will be, is being, or has been  
64.30 committed, or any person who collects, reviews, or analyzes information concerning  
64.31 insurance fraud, may furnish and disclose any information in its possession concerning the  
64.32 act to the ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau~~ Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, any authorized  
65.1 person, or to an authorized representative of an insurer that requests the information for the  
65.2 purpose of detecting, prosecuting, or preventing insurance fraud. The insurer may also  
65.3 release relevant information to any person authorized to receive the information under  
65.4 section 72A.502, subdivision 2. If disclosure is made to an authorized person other than the

48.4 person other than the ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau~~ Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, a copy of the  
48.5 disclosure must be sent to the ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau~~ Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

48.6 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 60A.952, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

48.7 Subd. 4. **Tolling of time periods.** If an insurer has a reasonable or probable cause to  
48.8 believe that an insurance fraud has been committed in connection with an insurance claim,  
48.9 and has properly notified the ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau~~ Bureau of Criminal Apprehension of its  
48.10 suspicions according to subdivision 2, the notification tolls any applicable time period in  
48.11 any unfair claims practices statute or related regulations, or any action on the claim against  
48.12 the insurer to whom the claim had been presented for bad faith, until 30 days after  
48.13 determination by the ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau~~ Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and notice to the  
48.14 insurer that the ~~division~~ Bureau of Criminal Apprehension will not recommend action on  
48.15 the claim.

48.16 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 60A.952, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

48.17 Subd. 5. **Reward for information.** The ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau~~ Bureau of Criminal  
48.18 Apprehension, in cooperation with authorized insurers and insurance professionals, may  
48.19 establish a voluntary fund to reward persons not connected with the insurance industry who  
48.20 provide information or furnish evidence leading to the arrest and conviction of persons  
48.21 responsible for insurance fraud.

48.22 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 60A.954, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

48.23 Subd. 2. **Review.** The commissioner may review each insurer's antifraud plan to determine  
48.24 whether it complies with the requirements of this section. If the commissioner finds that an  
48.25 insurer's antifraud plan does not comply with the requirements of this section, the  
48.26 commissioner shall disapprove the plan and send a notice of disapproval, along with the  
48.27 reasons for disapproval, to the insurer. An insurer whose antifraud plan has been disapproved  
48.28 by the commissioner shall submit a new plan to the commissioner within 60 days after the  
48.29 plan was disapproved. The commissioner may examine an insurer's procedures to determine  
48.30 whether the insurer is complying with its antifraud plan. The commissioner shall withhold  
48.31 from public inspection any part of an insurer's antifraud plan for so long as the commissioner  
48.32 deems the withholding to be in the public interest. The commissioner may share an insurer's  
48.33 complete antifraud plan with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

49.1 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 60A.956, is amended to read:

49.2 **60A.956 OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.**

49.3 Nothing in sections 60A.951 to 60A.956 preempts the authority of or relieves the duty  
49.4 of any other law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute alleged violations of  
49.5 law, prevents or prohibits a person from voluntarily disclosing any information concerning  
49.6 insurance fraud to any law enforcement agency other than the ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau~~ of  
49.7 Criminal Apprehension, or limits any of the powers granted elsewhere by the laws of this

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66.9 Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, or limits any of the powers granted elsewhere by the

49.8 state to the commissioner of commerce to investigate alleged violations of law and to take  
49.9 appropriate action.

49.10 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 65B.84, is amended to read:

49.11 **65B.84 AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION PROGRAM.**

49.12 Subdivision 1. **Program described; commissioner's duties; appropriation.** (a) The  
49.13 commissioner of ~~commerce~~ public safety shall:

49.14 (1) develop and sponsor the implementation of statewide plans, programs, and strategies  
49.15 to combat automobile theft, improve the administration of the automobile theft laws, and  
49.16 provide a forum for identification of critical problems for those persons dealing with  
49.17 automobile theft;

49.18 (2) coordinate the development, adoption, and implementation of plans, programs, and  
49.19 strategies relating to interagency and intergovernmental cooperation with respect to  
49.20 automobile theft enforcement;

49.21 (3) annually audit the plans and programs that have been funded in whole or in part to  
49.22 evaluate the effectiveness of the plans and programs and withdraw funding should the  
49.23 commissioner determine that a plan or program is ineffective or is no longer in need of  
49.24 further financial support from the fund;

49.25 (4) develop a plan of operation including:

49.26 (i) an assessment of the scope of the problem of automobile theft, including areas of the  
49.27 state where the problem is greatest;

49.28 (ii) an analysis of various methods of combating the problem of automobile theft;

49.29 (iii) a plan for providing financial support to combat automobile theft;

49.30 (iv) a plan for eliminating car hijacking; and

49.31 (v) an estimate of the funds required to implement the plan; and

50.1 (5) distribute money, in consultation with the commissioner of ~~public safety~~ commerce,  
50.2 pursuant to subdivision 3 from the automobile theft prevention special revenue account for  
50.3 automobile theft prevention activities, including:

50.4 (i) paying the administrative costs of the program;

50.5 (ii) providing financial support to the State Patrol and local law enforcement agencies  
50.6 for automobile theft enforcement teams;

50.7 (iii) providing financial support to state or local law enforcement agencies for programs  
50.8 designed to reduce the incidence of automobile theft and for improved equipment and  
50.9 techniques for responding to automobile thefts;

66.10 laws of this state to the commissioner of commerce to investigate alleged violations of law  
66.11 and to take appropriate action.

66.12 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 65B.84, is amended to read:

66.13 **65B.84 AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION PROGRAM.**

66.14 Subdivision 1. **Program described; commissioner's duties; appropriation.** (a) The  
66.15 commissioner of ~~commerce~~ public safety shall:

66.16 (1) develop and sponsor the implementation of statewide plans, programs, and strategies  
66.17 to combat automobile theft, improve the administration of the automobile theft laws, and  
66.18 provide a forum for identification of critical problems for those persons dealing with  
66.19 automobile theft;

66.20 (2) coordinate the development, adoption, and implementation of plans, programs, and  
66.21 strategies relating to interagency and intergovernmental cooperation with respect to  
66.22 automobile theft enforcement;

66.23 (3) annually audit the plans and programs that have been funded in whole or in part to  
66.24 evaluate the effectiveness of the plans and programs and withdraw funding should the  
66.25 commissioner determine that a plan or program is ineffective or is no longer in need of  
66.26 further financial support from the fund;

66.27 (4) develop a plan of operation including:

66.28 (i) an assessment of the scope of the problem of automobile theft, including areas of the  
66.29 state where the problem is greatest;

66.30 (ii) an analysis of various methods of combating the problem of automobile theft;

66.31 (iii) a plan for providing financial support to combat automobile theft;

67.1 (iv) a plan for eliminating car hijacking; and

67.2 (v) an estimate of the funds required to implement the plan; and

67.3 (5) distribute money, in consultation with the commissioner of ~~public safety~~ commerce,  
67.4 pursuant to subdivision 3 from the automobile theft prevention special revenue account for  
67.5 automobile theft prevention activities, including:

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67.7 (ii) providing financial support to the State Patrol and local law enforcement agencies  
67.8 for automobile theft enforcement teams;

67.9 (iii) providing financial support to state or local law enforcement agencies for programs  
67.10 designed to reduce the incidence of automobile theft and for improved equipment and  
67.11 techniques for responding to automobile thefts;

50.10 (iv) providing financial support to local prosecutors for programs designed to reduce  
50.11 the incidence of automobile theft;

50.12 (v) providing financial support to judicial agencies for programs designed to reduce the  
50.13 incidence of automobile theft;

50.14 (vi) providing financial support for neighborhood or community organizations or business  
50.15 organizations for programs designed to reduce the incidence of automobile theft and to  
50.16 educate people about the common methods of automobile theft, the models of automobiles  
50.17 most likely to be stolen, and the times and places automobile theft is most likely to occur;  
50.18 and

50.19 (vii) providing financial support for automobile theft educational and training programs  
50.20 for state and local law enforcement officials, driver and vehicle services exam and inspections  
50.21 staff, and members of the judiciary.

50.22 (b) The commissioner may not spend in any fiscal year more than ten percent of the  
50.23 money in the fund for the program's administrative and operating costs. The commissioner  
50.24 is annually appropriated and must distribute the amount of the proceeds credited to the  
50.25 automobile theft prevention special revenue account each year, less the transfer of \$1,300,000  
50.26 each year to the insurance fraud prevention account described in section 297I.11, subdivision  
50.27 2.

50.28 (c) At the end of each fiscal year, the commissioner may transfer any unobligated balances  
50.29 in the auto theft prevention account to the insurance fraud prevention account under section  
50.30 ~~45-0135, subdivision 6~~ 299C.061, subdivision 9.

50.31 (d) The commissioner must establish a library of equipment to combat automobile-related  
50.32 theft offenses. The equipment must be available to all law enforcement agencies upon  
50.33 request to support law enforcement agency efforts to combat automobile theft.

51.1 Subd. 2. **Annual report.** By September 30 each year, the commissioner of public safety  
51.2 shall report to the governor and the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of  
51.3 representatives and senate committees having jurisdiction over the ~~Departments~~ Department  
51.4 of ~~Commerce and~~ Public Safety on the activities and expenditures in the preceding year.

51.5 Subd. 3. **Grant criteria; application.** (a) A county attorney's office, law enforcement  
51.6 agency, neighborhood organization, community organization, or business organization may  
51.7 apply for a grant under this section. Multiple offices or agencies within a county may apply  
51.8 for a grant under this section.

51.9 (b) The commissioner of public safety, in consultation with the commissioner of public  
51.10 safety ~~commerce~~, must develop criteria for the fair distribution of grants from the automobile  
51.11 theft prevention account that address the following factors:

51.12 (1) the number of reported automobile thefts per capita in a city, county, or region, not  
51.13 merely the total number of automobile thefts;

67.12 (iv) providing financial support to local prosecutors for programs designed to reduce  
67.13 the incidence of automobile theft;

67.14 (v) providing financial support to judicial agencies for programs designed to reduce the  
67.15 incidence of automobile theft;

67.16 (vi) providing financial support for neighborhood or community organizations or business  
67.17 organizations for programs designed to reduce the incidence of automobile theft and to  
67.18 educate people about the common methods of automobile theft, the models of automobiles  
67.19 most likely to be stolen, and the times and places automobile theft is most likely to occur;  
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67.22 for state and local law enforcement officials, driver and vehicle services exam and inspections  
67.23 staff, and members of the judiciary.

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67.25 money in the fund for the program's administrative and operating costs. The commissioner  
67.26 is annually appropriated and must distribute the amount of the proceeds credited to the  
67.27 automobile theft prevention special revenue account each year, less the transfer of \$1,300,000  
67.28 each year to the insurance fraud prevention account described in section 297I.11, subdivision  
67.29 2.

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67.31 in the auto theft prevention account to the insurance fraud prevention account under section  
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68.2 theft offenses. The equipment must be available to all law enforcement agencies upon  
68.3 request to support law enforcement agency efforts to combat automobile theft.

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68.9 agency, neighborhood organization, community organization, or business organization may  
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68.11 for a grant under this section.

68.12 (b) The commissioner of public safety, in consultation with the commissioner of public  
68.13 safety ~~commerce~~, must develop criteria for the fair distribution of grants from the automobile  
68.14 theft prevention account that address the following factors:

68.15 (1) the number of reported automobile thefts per capita in a city, county, or region, not  
68.16 merely the total number of automobile thefts;

51.14 (2) the population of the jurisdiction of the applicant office or agency;  
51.15 (3) the total funds distributed within a county or region; and  
51.16 (4) the statewide interest in automobile theft reduction.  
51.17 (c) The commissioner may give priority to:  
51.18 (1) offices and agencies engaged in a collaborative effort to reduce automobile theft;  
51.19 and  
51.20 (2) counties or regions with the greatest rates of automobile theft.  
51.21 (d) The minimum amount of a grant award is \$5,000. After considering the automobile  
51.22 theft rate and total population of an applicant's jurisdiction, if a grant award, as determined  
51.23 under the criteria and priorities in this subdivision, would be less than \$5,000, it must not  
51.24 be awarded.  
51.25 Subd. 4. **Advisory board; creation; membership.** An Automobile Theft Prevention  
51.26 Advisory Board is established to advise the commissioner on the distribution of grants under  
51.27 this section. The board must consist of seven members appointed by the commissioner of  
51.28 public safety and must include representatives of law enforcement, prosecuting agencies,  
51.29 automobile insurers, and the public. The commissioner must annually select a chair from  
51.30 among its members.  
51.31 Subd. 5. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "automobile theft" includes  
51.32 automobile-related theft.  
52.1 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 268.19, subdivision 1, is amended to read:  
52.2 Subdivision 1. **Use of data.** (a) Except as provided by this section, data gathered from  
52.3 any person under the administration of the Minnesota Unemployment Insurance Law are  
52.4 private data on individuals or nonpublic data not on individuals as defined in section 13.02,  
52.5 subdivisions 9 and 12, and may not be disclosed except according to a district court order  
52.6 or section 13.05. A subpoena is not considered a district court order. These data may be  
52.7 disseminated to and used by the following agencies without the consent of the subject of  
52.8 the data:  
52.9 (1) state and federal agencies specifically authorized access to the data by state or federal  
52.10 law;  
52.11 (2) any agency of any other state or any federal agency charged with the administration  
52.12 of an unemployment insurance program;  
52.13 (3) any agency responsible for the maintenance of a system of public employment offices  
52.14 for the purpose of assisting individuals in obtaining employment;  
52.15 (4) the public authority responsible for child support in Minnesota or any other state in  
52.16 accordance with section 518A.83;

68.17 (2) the population of the jurisdiction of the applicant office or agency;  
68.18 (3) the total funds distributed within a county or region; and  
68.19 (4) the statewide interest in automobile theft reduction.  
68.20 (c) The commissioner may give priority to:  
68.21 (1) offices and agencies engaged in a collaborative effort to reduce automobile theft;  
68.22 and  
68.23 (2) counties or regions with the greatest rates of automobile theft.  
68.24 (d) The minimum amount of a grant award is \$5,000. After considering the automobile  
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68.26 under the criteria and priorities in this subdivision, would be less than \$5,000, it must not  
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69.11 disseminated to and used by the following agencies without the consent of the subject of  
69.12 the data:  
69.13 (1) state and federal agencies specifically authorized access to the data by state or federal  
69.14 law;  
69.15 (2) any agency of any other state or any federal agency charged with the administration  
69.16 of an unemployment insurance program;  
69.17 (3) any agency responsible for the maintenance of a system of public employment offices  
69.18 for the purpose of assisting individuals in obtaining employment;  
69.19 (4) the public authority responsible for child support in Minnesota or any other state in  
69.20 accordance with section 518A.83;



52.17 (5) human rights agencies within Minnesota that have enforcement powers;

52.18 (6) the Department of Revenue to the extent necessary for its duties under Minnesota  
52.19 laws;

52.20 (7) public and private agencies responsible for administering publicly financed assistance  
52.21 programs for the purpose of monitoring the eligibility of the program's recipients;

52.22 (8) the Department of Labor and Industry ~~and the Commerce Fraud Bureau in~~, the  
52.23 Department of Commerce, and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for uses consistent  
52.24 with the administration of their duties under Minnesota law;

52.25 (9) the Department of Human Services and the Office of Inspector General and its agents  
52.26 within the Department of Human Services, including county fraud investigators, for  
52.27 investigations related to recipient or provider fraud and employees of providers when the  
52.28 provider is suspected of committing public assistance fraud;

52.29 (10) the Department of Human Services for the purpose of evaluating medical assistance  
52.30 services and supporting program improvement;

52.31 (11) local and state welfare agencies for monitoring the eligibility of the data subject  
52.32 for assistance programs, or for any employment or training program administered by those  
53.1 agencies, whether alone, in combination with another welfare agency, or in conjunction  
53.2 with the department or to monitor and evaluate the statewide Minnesota family investment  
53.3 program and other cash assistance programs, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program,  
53.4 and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training program by  
53.5 providing data on recipients and former recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance  
53.6 Program (SNAP) benefits, cash assistance under chapter 256, 256D, 256J, or 256K, child  
53.7 care assistance under chapter 142E, or medical programs under chapter 256B or 256L or  
53.8 formerly codified under chapter 256D;

53.9 (12) local and state welfare agencies for the purpose of identifying employment, wages,  
53.10 and other information to assist in the collection of an overpayment debt in an assistance  
53.11 program;

53.12 (13) local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies for the purpose of ascertaining  
53.13 the last known address and employment location of an individual who is the subject of a  
53.14 criminal investigation;

53.15 (14) the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement has access to data on  
53.16 specific individuals and specific employers provided the specific individual or specific  
53.17 employer is the subject of an investigation by that agency;

53.18 (15) the Department of Health for the purposes of epidemiologic investigations;

53.19 (16) the Department of Corrections for the purposes of case planning and internal research  
53.20 for preprobation, probation, and postprobation employment tracking of offenders sentenced

69.21 (5) human rights agencies within Minnesota that have enforcement powers;

69.22 (6) the Department of Revenue to the extent necessary for its duties under Minnesota  
69.23 laws;

69.24 (7) public and private agencies responsible for administering publicly financed assistance  
69.25 programs for the purpose of monitoring the eligibility of the program's recipients;

69.26 (8) the Department of Labor and Industry ~~and the Commerce Fraud Bureau in~~, the  
69.27 Department of Commerce, and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for uses consistent  
69.28 with the administration of their duties under Minnesota law;

69.29 (9) the Department of Human Services and the Office of Inspector General and its agents  
69.30 within the Department of Human Services, including county fraud investigators, for  
69.31 investigations related to recipient or provider fraud and employees of providers when the  
69.32 provider is suspected of committing public assistance fraud;

70.1 (10) the Department of Human Services for the purpose of evaluating medical assistance  
70.2 services and supporting program improvement;

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70.4 for assistance programs, or for any employment or training program administered by those  
70.5 agencies, whether alone, in combination with another welfare agency, or in conjunction  
70.6 with the department or to monitor and evaluate the statewide Minnesota family investment  
70.7 program and other cash assistance programs, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program,  
70.8 and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training program by  
70.9 providing data on recipients and former recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance  
70.10 Program (SNAP) benefits, cash assistance under chapter 256, 256D, 256J, or 256K, child  
70.11 care assistance under chapter 142E, or medical programs under chapter 256B or 256L or  
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70.14 and other information to assist in the collection of an overpayment debt in an assistance  
70.15 program;

70.16 (13) local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies for the purpose of ascertaining  
70.17 the last known address and employment location of an individual who is the subject of a  
70.18 criminal investigation;

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70.20 specific individuals and specific employers provided the specific individual or specific  
70.21 employer is the subject of an investigation by that agency;

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70.23 (16) the Department of Corrections for the purposes of case planning and internal research  
70.24 for preprobation, probation, and postprobation employment tracking of offenders sentenced

53.21 to probation and preconfinement and postconfinement employment tracking of committed  
53.22 offenders;

53.23 (17) the state auditor to the extent necessary to conduct audits of job opportunity building  
53.24 zones as required under section 469.3201;

53.25 (18) the Office of Higher Education for purposes of supporting program improvement,  
53.26 system evaluation, and research initiatives including the Statewide Longitudinal Education  
53.27 Data System; and

53.28 (19) the Family and Medical Benefits Division of the Department of Employment and  
53.29 Economic Development to be used as necessary to administer chapter 268B.

53.30 (b) Data on individuals and employers that are collected, maintained, or used by the  
53.31 department in an investigation under section 268.182 are confidential as to data on individuals  
53.32 and protected nonpublic data not on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivisions 3  
54.1 and 13, and must not be disclosed except under statute or district court order or to a party  
54.2 named in a criminal proceeding, administrative or judicial, for preparation of a defense.

54.3 (c) Data gathered by the department in the administration of the Minnesota unemployment  
54.4 insurance program must not be made the subject or the basis for any suit in any civil  
54.5 proceedings, administrative or judicial, unless the action is initiated by the department.

54.6 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 268B.30, is amended to read:

54.7 **268B.30 DATA PRIVACY.**

54.8 (a) Except as provided by this section, data collected, created, or maintained under this  
54.9 chapter are private data on individuals or nonpublic data not on individuals as defined in  
54.10 section 13.02, subdivisions 9 and 12, and must not be disclosed except according to a district  
54.11 court order or section 13.05. A subpoena is not considered a district court order.

54.12 (b) Data classified under paragraph (a) may be disseminated to and used by the following  
54.13 without the consent of the subject of the data:

54.14 (1) state and federal agencies specifically authorized access to the data by state or federal  
54.15 law;

54.16 (2) the unemployment insurance division, to the extent necessary to administer the  
54.17 programs established under this chapter and chapter 268;

54.18 (3) employers, to the extent necessary to support adjudication of application requests  
54.19 and to support the employer's administration of a leave of absence;

54.20 (4) health care providers, to the extent necessary to support verification of health care  
54.21 conditions and qualifying events;

54.22 (5) the public authority responsible for child support in Minnesota or any other state in  
54.23 accordance with section 518A.83;

70.25 to probation and preconfinement and postconfinement employment tracking of committed  
70.26 offenders;

70.27 (17) the state auditor to the extent necessary to conduct audits of job opportunity building  
70.28 zones as required under section 469.3201;

70.29 (18) the Office of Higher Education for purposes of supporting program improvement,  
70.30 system evaluation, and research initiatives including the Statewide Longitudinal Education  
70.31 Data System; and

70.32 (19) the Family and Medical Benefits Division of the Department of Employment and  
70.33 Economic Development to be used as necessary to administer chapter 268B.

71.1 (b) Data on individuals and employers that are collected, maintained, or used by the  
71.2 department in an investigation under section 268.182 are confidential as to data on individuals  
71.3 and protected nonpublic data not on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivisions 3  
71.4 and 13, and must not be disclosed except under statute or district court order or to a party  
71.5 named in a criminal proceeding, administrative or judicial, for preparation of a defense.

71.6 (c) Data gathered by the department in the administration of the Minnesota unemployment  
71.7 insurance program must not be made the subject or the basis for any suit in any civil  
71.8 proceedings, administrative or judicial, unless the action is initiated by the department.

71.9 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 268B.30, is amended to read:

71.10 **268B.30 DATA PRIVACY.**

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71.12 chapter are private data on individuals or nonpublic data not on individuals as defined in  
71.13 section 13.02, subdivisions 9 and 12, and must not be disclosed except according to a district  
71.14 court order or section 13.05. A subpoena is not considered a district court order.

71.15 (b) Data classified under paragraph (a) may be disseminated to and used by the following  
71.16 without the consent of the subject of the data:

71.17 (1) state and federal agencies specifically authorized access to the data by state or federal  
71.18 law;

71.19 (2) the unemployment insurance division, to the extent necessary to administer the  
71.20 programs established under this chapter and chapter 268;

71.21 (3) employers, to the extent necessary to support adjudication of application requests  
71.22 and to support the employer's administration of a leave of absence;

71.23 (4) health care providers, to the extent necessary to support verification of health care  
71.24 conditions and qualifying events;

71.25 (5) the public authority responsible for child support in Minnesota or any other state in  
71.26 accordance with section 518A.83;

54.24 (6) human rights agencies within Minnesota that have enforcement powers;

54.25 (7) the Department of Revenue, to the extent necessary for its duties under Minnesota  
54.26 laws;

54.27 (8) public and private agencies responsible for administering publicly financed assistance  
54.28 programs for the purpose of monitoring the eligibility of the program's recipients;

54.29 (9) the Department of Labor and Industry ~~and the Commerce Fraud Bureau in~~, the  
54.30 Department of Commerce, and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for uses consistent  
54.31 with the administration of their duties under Minnesota law;

55.1 (10) the Department of Human Services and the Office of Inspector General and its  
55.2 agents within the Department of Human Services, including county fraud investigators, for  
55.3 investigations related to recipient or provider fraud and employees of providers when the  
55.4 provider is suspected of committing public assistance fraud;

55.5 (11) the Department of Public Safety for support in identity verification;

55.6 (12) local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies for the purpose of ascertaining  
55.7 the last known address and employment location of an individual who is the subject of a  
55.8 criminal investigation;

55.9 (13) the Department of Health for the purposes of epidemiologic investigations;

55.10 (14) the Department of Corrections for the purposes of tracking incarceration of  
55.11 applicants; and

55.12 (15) contracted third parties, to the extent necessary to aid in identity verification,  
55.13 adjudication, administration, and evaluation of the program.

55.14 (c) Data on individuals and employers that are collected, maintained, or used by the  
55.15 department in an investigation under section 268B.19, 268B.21, 268B.22, or 268B.23 are  
55.16 confidential as to data on individuals and protected nonpublic data not on individuals as  
55.17 defined in section 13.02, subdivisions 3 and 13, and must not be disclosed except under  
55.18 statute or district court order or to a party named in a criminal proceeding, administrative  
55.19 or judicial, for preparation of a defense.

55.20 (d) Data gathered by the department in the administration of this chapter must not be  
55.21 made the subject or the basis for any suit in any civil proceedings, administrative or judicial,  
55.22 unless the action is initiated by the department.

55.23 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 297I.11, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

55.24 Subd. 2. **Automobile theft prevention account.** A special revenue account in the state  
55.25 treasury shall be credited with the proceeds of the surcharge imposed under subdivision 1.  
55.26 Of the revenue in the account, \$1,300,000 each year must be transferred to the insurance  
55.27 fraud prevention account under section ~~45.0135, subdivision 6~~ 299C.061, subdivision 9.

71.27 (6) human rights agencies within Minnesota that have enforcement powers;

71.28 (7) the Department of Revenue, to the extent necessary for its duties under Minnesota  
71.29 laws;

71.30 (8) public and private agencies responsible for administering publicly financed assistance  
71.31 programs for the purpose of monitoring the eligibility of the program's recipients;

72.1 (9) the Department of Labor and Industry ~~and the Commerce Fraud Bureau in~~, the  
72.2 Department of Commerce, and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for uses consistent  
72.3 with the administration of their duties under Minnesota law;

72.4 (10) the Department of Human Services and the Office of Inspector General and its  
72.5 agents within the Department of Human Services, including county fraud investigators, for  
72.6 investigations related to recipient or provider fraud and employees of providers when the  
72.7 provider is suspected of committing public assistance fraud;

72.8 (11) the Department of Public Safety for support in identity verification;

72.9 (12) local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies for the purpose of ascertaining  
72.10 the last known address and employment location of an individual who is the subject of a  
72.11 criminal investigation;

72.12 (13) the Department of Health for the purposes of epidemiologic investigations;

72.13 (14) the Department of Corrections for the purposes of tracking incarceration of  
72.14 applicants; and

72.15 (15) contracted third parties, to the extent necessary to aid in identity verification,  
72.16 adjudication, administration, and evaluation of the program.

72.17 (c) Data on individuals and employers that are collected, maintained, or used by the  
72.18 department in an investigation under section 268B.19, 268B.21, 268B.22, or 268B.23 are  
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72.20 defined in section 13.02, subdivisions 3 and 13, and must not be disclosed except under  
72.21 statute or district court order or to a party named in a criminal proceeding, administrative  
72.22 or judicial, for preparation of a defense.

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72.24 made the subject or the basis for any suit in any civil proceedings, administrative or judicial,  
72.25 unless the action is initiated by the department.

72.26 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 297I.11, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

72.27 Subd. 2. **Automobile theft prevention account.** A special revenue account in the state  
72.28 treasury shall be credited with the proceeds of the surcharge imposed under subdivision 1.  
72.29 Of the revenue in the account, \$1,300,000 each year must be transferred to the insurance  
72.30 fraud prevention account under section ~~45.0135, subdivision 6~~ 299C.061, subdivision 9.

55.28 Revenues in excess of \$1,300,000 each year may be used only for the automobile theft  
55.29 prevention program described in section 65B.84.

56.1 Sec. 19. **[299C.061] FINANCIAL CRIMES AND FRAUD SECTION.**

56.2 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have  
56.3 the meanings given.

56.4 (b) "Fraud involving state funded or administered programs or services" includes any  
56.5 violation of section 609.445, 609.465, 609.466, 609.52, 609.5523, 609.611, 609.651,  
56.6 609.7475, or 609.821 involving a state agency or state funded or administered program or  
56.7 service.

56.8 (c) "Peace officer" has the meaning given in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph  
56.9 (c).

56.12 (f) "Section" means the Financial Crimes and Fraud Section of the Bureau of Criminal  
56.13 Apprehension.

56.10 (d) "State agency" has the meaning given in section 13.02, subdivision 17.

56.11 (e) "Superintendent" means the superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

56.14 Subd. 2. **Financial Crimes and Fraud Section.** The superintendent shall operate the  
56.15 Financial Crimes and Fraud Section within the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to conduct  
56.16 investigations into insurance fraud, financial crimes, wage theft, and fraud involving state  
56.17 funded or administered programs or services. The Section shall be partially or fully comprised  
56.18 of licensed peace officers. Members of this section have the full authorities specified in  
56.19 chapter 299C and are not limited to the duties enumerated in this section.

56.20 Subd. 3. **Duties.** The Financial Crimes and Fraud Section shall:

56.21 (1) review notices and reports of insurance fraud and related crimes submitted by  
56.22 authorized insurers, their employees, and agents or producers pursuant to sections 60A.951  
56.23 to 60A.956;

56.24 (2) initiate inquiries and conduct investigations when the Section has reason to believe  
56.25 that any of the following offenses have been or are being committed:

56.26 (i) fraud involving state funded or administered programs or services in subdivision 1,  
56.27 paragraph (b);

56.28 (ii) insurance fraud and related crimes, as defined in sections 60A.951, subdivision 4,  
56.29 and 609.611 and support of those activities;

56.30 (iii) wage theft and related crimes; and

56.31 (iv) any other financial crimes; and

72.31 Revenues in excess of \$1,300,000 each year may be used only for the automobile theft  
72.32 prevention program described in section 65B.84.

73.1 Sec. 19. **[299C.061] FINANCIAL CRIMES AND FRAUD SECTION.**

73.2 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have  
73.3 the meanings given.

73.4 (b) "Fraud involving state funded or administered programs or services" includes any  
73.5 violation of section 609.445, 609.465, 609.466, 609.52, 609.5523, 609.611, 609.651,  
73.6 609.7475, or 609.821 involving a state agency or state-funded or administered program or  
73.7 service.

73.8 (c) "Peace officer" has the meaning given in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph  
73.9 (c).

73.10 (d) "Section" means the Financial Crimes and Fraud Section of the Bureau of Criminal  
73.11 Apprehension.

73.12 (e) "State agency" has the meaning given in section 13.02, subdivision 17.

73.13 (f) "Superintendent" means the superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

73.14 Subd. 2. **Financial Crimes and Fraud Section.** The superintendent shall operate the  
73.15 Financial Crimes and Fraud Section within the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to conduct  
73.16 investigations into insurance fraud, financial crimes, wage theft, and fraud involving  
73.17 state-funded or administered programs or services. The Section shall be partially or fully  
73.18 comprised of licensed peace officers. Members of this Section have the full authorities  
73.19 specified in chapter 299C and are not limited to the duties enumerated in this statutory  
73.20 section.

73.21 Subd. 3. **Duties.** The Financial Crimes and Fraud Section shall:

73.22 (1) review notices and reports of insurance fraud and related crimes submitted by  
73.23 authorized insurers, their employees, and agents or producers pursuant to sections 60A.951  
73.24 to 60A.956;

73.25 (2) initiate inquiries and conduct investigations when the Section has reason to believe  
73.26 that any of the following offenses have been or are being committed:

73.27 (i) fraud involving state-funded or administered programs or services in subdivision 1,  
73.28 paragraph (b);

73.29 (ii) insurance fraud and related crimes, as defined in sections 60A.951, subdivision 4,  
73.30 and 609.611, and support of those activities;

73.31 (iii) wage theft and related crimes; and

74.1 (iv) any other financial crimes; and

57.1 (3) operate the automobile theft prevention program under section 65B.84.

57.2 Subd. 4. **Mandatory referral; duty to investigate.** (a) Except as provided in paragraphs

57.3 (b) and (d), a state agency shall refer all suspected fraudulent activity under the provisions

57.4 in subdivision 1, paragraph (b), equaling \$100,000 or more, to the Section for evaluation

57.5 and investigation or appropriate referral. Upon receipt of the referral, the Section shall

57.6 review and, where appropriate, conduct criminal investigations into the allegations. The

57.7 Section has sole discretion as to which allegations are investigated further, referred back to

57.8 the reporting agency for appropriate regulatory investigation, or referred to another law

57.9 enforcement agency with appropriate jurisdiction.

57.10 (b) When acting in a civil or criminal law enforcement capacity and permitted by

57.11 applicable law or order, the attorney general may, in the attorney general's discretion, refer

57.12 suspected fraudulent activity under the provisions in subdivision 1, paragraph (b), to the

57.13 Section for evaluation and investigation or appropriate referral in accordance with paragraph

57.14 (a).

57.15 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), this section has no effect on the authority of the

57.16 attorney general to investigate and enforce violations or suspected violations of Minnesota

57.17 civil or criminal law.

57.18 (d) Referral to the Section under this subdivision is not required when a state agency is

57.19 required to refer the fraudulent activity to the state Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in

57.20 accordance with Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455.21(A)(1)(a), and section

57.21 256B.04, subdivision 10.

57.22 Subd. 5. **Discretionary referral.** (a) A state agency may refer suspected fraud involving

57.23 state-funded or administered programs or services equaling less than \$100,000 to the Section

57.24 for investigation. Upon referral, the Section shall:

57.25 (1) accept the referral and, where appropriate, conduct criminal investigations into the

57.26 allegations and make appropriate referrals for criminal prosecution; or

57.27 (2) redirect the referral to another appropriate law enforcement agency or civil

57.28 investigative authority, offering assistance where appropriate.

57.29 Subd. 6. **Data sharing authorized.** Notwithstanding chapter 13 or any other statute

57.30 related to the classification of government data to the contrary, state agencies making a

57.31 referral under subdivision 4 or 5 shall provide data related to the suspected fraudulent activity

57.32 to the Section, including data classified as not public. The Section may share active criminal

57.33 investigative data concerning insurance fraud with the Department of Commerce.

58.1 Subd. 7. **State agency reporting.** By January 15 of each year, each state agency must

58.2 report all suspected fraud incurred by the agency that involves state-funded or administered

58.3 programs or services equaling \$10,000 or more to the Section to be summarized in the report

74.2 (3) operate the automobile theft prevention program under section 65B.84.

74.3 Subd. 4. **Mandatory referral; duty to investigate.** (a) Except as provided in paragraphs

74.4 (b) and (d), a state agency shall refer all suspected fraudulent activity under the provisions

74.5 in subdivision 1, paragraph (b), equaling \$100,000 or more to the Section for evaluation

74.6 and investigation or appropriate referral. Upon receipt of the referral, the Section shall

74.7 review and, where appropriate, conduct criminal investigations into the allegations. The

74.8 Section has sole discretion as to which allegations are investigated further, referred back to

74.9 the reporting agency for appropriate regulatory investigation, or referred to another law

74.10 enforcement agency with appropriate jurisdiction.

74.11 (b) When acting in a civil or criminal law enforcement capacity and permitted by

74.12 applicable law or order, the attorney general may, in the attorney general's discretion, refer

74.13 suspected fraudulent activity under the provisions in subdivision 1, paragraph (b), to the

74.14 Section for evaluation and investigation or appropriate referral in accordance with paragraph

74.15 (a).

74.16 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), this section has no effect on the authority of the

74.17 attorney general to investigate and enforce violations or suspected violations of Minnesota

74.18 civil or criminal law.

74.19 (d) Referral to the Section under this subdivision is not required when a state agency is

74.20 required to refer the fraudulent activity to the state Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in

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75.1 to the Section, including data classified as not public. The Section may share active criminal

75.2 investigative data concerning insurance fraud with the Department of Commerce.

75.3 Subd. 7. **State agency reporting.** By January 15 of each year, each state agency must

75.4 report all suspected fraud incurred by the agency that involves state-funded or administered

75.5 programs or services equaling \$10,000 or more to the Section to be summarized in the report

58.4 under subdivision 8. This subdivision does not apply to information obtained by the attorney  
58.5 general when acting in a civil or criminal law enforcement capacity.

58.6 Subd. 8. **Annual report.** (a) By February 1 of each year, the superintendent shall report  
58.7 to the commissioner, the governor, and the chairs and ranking minority members of the  
58.8 legislative committees with jurisdiction over public safety policy and finance, and commerce  
58.9 consumer protection policy and finance, the following information pertaining to the Section  
58.10 since the previous report:

58.11 (1) the number of investigations initiated;

58.12 (2) the number of allegations investigated;

58.13 (3) the outcomes or current status of each investigation;

58.14 (4) the charging decisions made by the prosecuting authority of incidents investigated  
58.15 by the Section;

58.16 (5) the number of plea agreements reached in incidents investigated by the Section;

58.17 (6) the number of reports received under subdivision 7;

58.18 (7) the number of state agency referrals to the state Medicaid Fraud Control Unit reported  
58.19 to the superintendent under paragraph (b); and

58.20 (8) any other information relevant to the Section's responsibilities.

58.21 (b) No later than January 15 of each odd-numbered year, each state agency that is required  
58.22 to make referrals to the state Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in accordance with Code of  
58.23 Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455.21(A)(1)(a), and section 256B.04, subdivision 10,  
58.24 shall report the following information to the superintendent for the two previous calendar  
58.25 years:

58.26 (1) the number of cases referred to the state Medicaid Fraud Control Unit;

58.27 (2) the number of referrals accepted by the state Medicaid Fraud Control Unit; and

58.28 (3) the number of referrals declined by the state Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

58.29 Subd. 9. **Funding allocation.** One hundred percent of the funding allocated to the Bureau  
58.30 of Criminal Apprehension for the assessment in subdivision 10 may only be used for the  
59.1 investigation of insurance fraud and related crimes, as defined in sections 60A.951,  
59.2 subdivision 4, and 609.611, and support of those activities.

59.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** (a) Subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 6, and 9 are effective July 1, 2025.

59.4 (b) Subdivisions 4, 5, 7, and 8 are effective January 1, 2026.

59.5 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299C.40, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

59.6 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

75.6 under subdivision 8. This subdivision does not apply to information obtained by the attorney  
75.7 general when acting in a civil or criminal law enforcement capacity.

75.8 Subd. 8. **Annual report.** (a) By February 1 of each year, the superintendent shall report  
75.9 to the commissioner, the governor, and the chairs and ranking minority members of the  
75.10 legislative committees with jurisdiction over public safety policy and finance, and commerce  
75.11 consumer protection policy and finance, the following information pertaining to the Section  
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75.17 by the Section;

75.18 (5) the number of plea agreements reached in incidents investigated by the Section;

75.19 (6) the number of reports received under subdivision 7;

75.20 (7) the number of state agency referrals to the state Medicaid Fraud Control Unit reported  
75.21 to the superintendent under paragraph (b); and

75.22 (8) any other information relevant to the Section's responsibilities.

75.23 (b) No later than January 15 of each odd-numbered year, each state agency that is required  
75.24 to make referrals to the state Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in accordance with Code of  
75.25 Federal Regulations, title 42, section 455.21(A)(1)(a), and section 256B.04, subdivision 10,  
75.26 shall report the following information to the superintendent for the two previous calendar  
75.27 years:

75.28 (1) the number of cases referred to the state Medicaid Fraud Control Unit;

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76.2 of Criminal Apprehension for the assessment in subdivision 10 may only be used for the  
76.3 investigation of insurance fraud and related crimes, as defined in sections 60A.951,  
76.4 subdivision 4, and 609.611, and support of those activities.

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76.7 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299C.40, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

76.8 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

59.7 (b) "CIBRS" means the Comprehensive Incident-Based Reporting System, located in  
59.8 the Department of Public Safety and managed by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. A  
59.9 reference in this section to "CIBRS" includes the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

59.10 (c) "Law enforcement agency" means a Minnesota municipal police department, the  
59.11 Metropolitan Transit Police, the Metropolitan Airports Police, the University of Minnesota  
59.12 Police Department, the Department of Corrections Fugitive Apprehension Unit, a Minnesota  
59.13 county sheriff's department, the Enforcement Division of the Department of Natural  
59.14 Resources, ~~the Commerce Fraud Bureau~~, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, or the  
59.15 Minnesota State Patrol.

59.16 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.531, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

59.27 (e) "Appropriate agency" means the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, ~~the Department~~  
59.28 ~~of Commerce Fraud Bureau~~, the Minnesota Division of Driver and Vehicle Services, the  
59.29 Minnesota State Patrol, a county sheriff's department, the Three Rivers Park District  
59.30 Department of Public Safety, the Department of Natural Resources Division of Enforcement,  
59.31 the University of Minnesota Police Department, the Department of Corrections Fugitive  
60.1 Apprehension Unit, a city, metropolitan transit, or airport police department; or a  
60.2 multijurisdictional entity established under section 299A.642 or 299A.681.

60.3 (f) "Designated offense" includes:

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

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

60.7 (3) for all other purposes: a felony violation of, or a felony-level attempt or conspiracy  
60.8 to violate, section 325E.17; 325E.18; 609.185; 609.19; 609.195; 609.2112; 609.2113;  
60.9 609.2114; 609.221; 609.222; 609.223; 609.2231; 609.2335; 609.24; 609.245; 609.247;  
60.10 609.25; 609.255; 609.282; 609.283; 609.322; 609.342, subdivision 1, or subdivision 1a,  
60.11 clauses (a) to (f) and (i); 609.343, subdivision 1, or subdivision 1a, clauses (a) to (f) and (i);

76.9 (b) "CIBRS" means the Comprehensive Incident-Based Reporting System, located in  
76.10 the Department of Public Safety and managed by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. A  
76.11 reference in this section to "CIBRS" includes the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

76.12 (c) "Law enforcement agency" means a Minnesota municipal police department, the  
76.13 Metropolitan Transit Police, the Metropolitan Airports Police, the University of Minnesota  
76.14 Police Department, the Department of Corrections Fugitive Apprehension Unit, a Minnesota  
76.15 county sheriff's department, the Enforcement Division of the Department of Natural  
76.16 Resources, ~~the Commerce Fraud Bureau~~, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, or the  
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76.18 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.531, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

76.29 (e) "Appropriate agency" means the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, ~~the Department~~  
76.30 ~~of Commerce Fraud Bureau~~, the Minnesota Division of Driver and Vehicle Services, the  
76.31 Minnesota State Patrol, a county sheriff's department, the Three Rivers Park District  
77.1 Department of Public Safety, the Department of Natural Resources Division of Enforcement,  
77.2 the University of Minnesota Police Department, the Department of Corrections Fugitive  
77.3 Apprehension Unit, a city, metropolitan transit, or airport police department; or a  
77.4 multijurisdictional entity established under section 299A.642 or 299A.681.

77.5 (f) "Designated offense" includes:

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

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

77.9 (3) for all other purposes: a felony violation of, or a felony-level attempt or conspiracy  
77.10 to violate, section 325E.17; 325E.18; 609.185; 609.19; 609.195; 609.2112; 609.2113;  
77.11 609.2114; 609.221; 609.222; 609.223; 609.2231; 609.2335; 609.24; 609.245; 609.247;  
77.12 609.25; 609.255; 609.282; 609.283; 609.322; 609.342, subdivision 1, or subdivision 1a,  
77.13 clauses (a) to (f) and (i); 609.343, subdivision 1, or subdivision 1a, clauses (a) to (f) and (i);

60.12 609.344, subdivision 1, or subdivision 1a, clauses (a) to (e), (h), or (i); 609.345, subdivision  
60.13 1, or subdivision 1a, clauses (a) to (e), (h), and (i); 609.352; 609.42; 609.425; 609.466;  
60.14 609.485; 609.487; 609.52; 609.525; 609.527; 609.528; 609.53; 609.54; 609.551; 609.561;  
60.15 609.562; 609.563; 609.582; 609.59; 609.595; 609.611; 609.631; 609.66, subdivision 1e;  
60.16 609.671, subdivisions 3, 4, 5, 8, and 12; 609.687; 609.821; 609.825; 609.86; 609.88; 609.89;  
60.17 609.893; 609.895; 617.246; 617.247; or a gross misdemeanor or felony violation of section  
60.18 609.891 or 624.7181; or any violation of section 609.324; or a felony violation of, or a  
60.19 felony-level attempt or conspiracy to violate, Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 609.21.

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

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

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

60.27 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 626.05, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

60.28 Subd. 2. **Peace officer.** The term "peace officer," as used in sections 626.04 to 626.17,  
60.29 means a person who is licensed as a peace officer in accordance with section 626.84,  
60.30 subdivision 1, and who serves as a sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer, conservation officer,  
60.31 agent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, agent of the Division of Alcohol and  
60.32 Gambling Enforcement, ~~peace officer of the Commerce Fraud Bureau~~, University of  
60.33 Minnesota peace officer, Metropolitan Transit police officer, Minnesota Department of  
61.1 Corrections Fugitive Apprehension Unit member, State Patrol trooper as authorized by  
61.2 section 299D.03, or railroad peace officer as authorized by section 219.995 and United  
61.3 States Code, title 49, section 28101.

61.4 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 626.84, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

61.5 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of sections 626.84 to 626.863, the following  
61.6 terms have the meanings given ~~them~~:

61.7 (a) "Board" means the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training.

61.8 (b) "Director" means the executive director of the board.

61.9 (c) "Peace officer" means:

61.10 (1) an employee or an elected or appointed official of a political subdivision or law  
61.11 enforcement agency who is licensed by the board, charged with the prevention and detection  
61.12 of crime and the enforcement of the general criminal laws of the state and who has the full  
61.13 power of arrest, and shall also include the Minnesota State Patrol, agents of the Division of  
61.14 Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement, state conservation officers, Metropolitan Transit police  
61.15 officers, Department of Corrections Fugitive Apprehension Unit officers, ~~Department of~~

77.14 609.344, subdivision 1, or subdivision 1a, clauses (a) to (e), (h), or (i); 609.345, subdivision  
77.15 1, or subdivision 1a, clauses (a) to (e), (h), and (i); 609.352; 609.42; 609.425; 609.466;  
77.16 609.485; 609.487; 609.52; 609.525; 609.527; 609.528; 609.53; 609.54; 609.551; 609.561;  
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77.23 (h) "Prosecuting authority" means the attorney who is responsible for prosecuting an  
77.24 offense that is the basis for a forfeiture under sections 609.531 to 609.5318.

77.25 (i) "Asserting person" means a person, other than the driver alleged to have used a vehicle  
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78.10 (b) "Director" means the executive director of the board.

78.11 (c) "Peace officer" means:

78.12 (1) an employee or an elected or appointed official of a political subdivision or law  
78.13 enforcement agency who is licensed by the board, charged with the prevention and detection  
78.14 of crime and the enforcement of the general criminal laws of the state and who has the full  
78.15 power of arrest, and shall also include the Minnesota State Patrol, agents of the Division of  
78.16 Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement, state conservation officers, Metropolitan Transit police  
78.17 officers, Department of Corrections Fugitive Apprehension Unit officers, ~~Department of~~



61.16 ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau Unit officers~~, the statewide coordinator of the Violent Crime  
61.17 Coordinating Council, and railroad peace officers as authorized by section 219.995 and  
61.18 United States Code, title 49, section 28101; and

61.19 (2) a peace officer who is employed by a law enforcement agency of a federally  
61.20 recognized tribe, as defined in United States Code, title 25, section 450b(e), and who is  
61.21 licensed by the board.

61.22 (d) "Part-time peace officer" means an individual licensed by the board whose services  
61.23 are utilized by law enforcement agencies no more than an average of 20 hours per week,  
61.24 not including time spent on call when no call to active duty is received, calculated on an  
61.25 annual basis, who has either full powers of arrest or authorization to carry a firearm while  
61.26 on active duty. The term shall apply even though the individual receives no compensation  
61.27 for time spent on active duty, and shall apply irrespective of the title conferred upon the  
61.28 individual by any law enforcement agency.

61.29 (e) "Reserve officer" means an individual whose services are utilized by a law  
61.30 enforcement agency to provide supplementary assistance at special events, traffic or crowd  
61.31 control, and administrative or clerical assistance, and shall include reserve deputies, special  
61.32 deputies, mounted or unmounted patrols, and all other employees or volunteers performing  
61.33 reserve officer functions. A reserve officer's duties do not include enforcement of the general  
62.1 criminal laws of the state, and the officer does not have full powers of arrest or authorization  
62.2 to carry a firearm on duty.

62.3 (f) "Law enforcement agency" means:

62.4 (1) a unit of state or local government that is authorized by law to grant full powers of  
62.5 arrest and to charge a person with the duties of preventing and detecting crime and enforcing  
62.6 the general criminal laws of the state;

62.7 (2) subject to the limitations in section 626.93, a law enforcement agency of a federally  
62.8 recognized tribe, as defined in United States Code, title 25, section 450b(e); and

62.9 (3) subject to the limitation of section 219.995, a railroad company.

62.10 (g) "Professional peace officer education" means a postsecondary degree program, or a  
62.11 nondegree program for persons who already have a college degree, that is offered by a  
62.12 college or university in Minnesota, designed for persons seeking licensure as a peace officer,  
62.13 and approved by the board.

62.14 (h) "Railroad peace officer" means an individual as authorized under United States Code,  
62.15 title 49, section 28101:

62.16 (1) employed by a railroad for the purpose of aiding and supplementing law enforcement  
62.17 agencies in the protection of property owned by or in the care, custody, or control of a  
62.18 railroad and to protect the persons and property of railroad passengers and employees; and

62.19 (2) licensed by the board.

78.18 ~~Commerce Fraud Bureau Unit officers~~, the statewide coordinator of the Violent Crime  
78.19 Coordinating Council, and railroad peace officers as authorized by section 219.995 and  
78.20 United States Code, title 49, section 28101; and

78.21 (2) a peace officer who is employed by a law enforcement agency of a federally  
78.22 recognized tribe, as defined in United States Code, title 25, section 450b(e), and who is  
78.23 licensed by the board.

78.24 (d) "Part-time peace officer" means an individual licensed by the board whose services  
78.25 are utilized by law enforcement agencies no more than an average of 20 hours per week,  
78.26 not including time spent on call when no call to active duty is received, calculated on an  
78.27 annual basis, who has either full powers of arrest or authorization to carry a firearm while  
78.28 on active duty. The term shall apply even though the individual receives no compensation  
78.29 for time spent on active duty, and shall apply irrespective of the title conferred upon the  
78.30 individual by any law enforcement agency.

78.31 (e) "Reserve officer" means an individual whose services are utilized by a law  
78.32 enforcement agency to provide supplementary assistance at special events, traffic or crowd  
78.33 control, and administrative or clerical assistance, and shall include reserve deputies, special  
79.1 deputies, mounted or unmounted patrols, and all other employees or volunteers performing  
79.2 reserve officer functions. A reserve officer's duties do not include enforcement of the general  
79.3 criminal laws of the state, and the officer does not have full powers of arrest or authorization  
79.4 to carry a firearm on duty.

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79.7 arrest and to charge a person with the duties of preventing and detecting crime and enforcing  
79.8 the general criminal laws of the state;

79.9 (2) subject to the limitations in section 626.93, a law enforcement agency of a federally  
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